



10th April 2014

Dear Ria,

As the PACEY the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years with over 35,000 members we have been pleased to be a part of the development of the new qualifications through the consultation process.

As a professional association, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose and suitable for accreditation:

- BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning & Development (VRQ) - QN: 601/2460/X
- BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children's Play, Learning & Development (VRQ) - 601/2459/3
- BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning & Development (VRQ) - 601/2526/3
- BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children's Play, Learning & Development (Early Years Educator) (VRQ) - 601/2525/1
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development (Early Years Educator) (VRQ) - 601/2527/5

We recognise these qualifications as developing and confirming specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.

The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, or training, with the National Certificate and Diploma sizes suitable to confer 'Early Years Educator' status on learners.

We are pleased with the inclusion of units such as Working with children in home based care and Managing a home-based childcare business which provides exposure to the broader possibilities of careers in the Childcare and Early Years sector.

I am happy for my company name and website to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Carmichael". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Amanda Carmichael
Director of Membership & Professional Development