

Childcare

The early years sector in England is made up of over 80,000 settings with 1.3 million childcare places for children under five. This ranges from childminders and nannies, to nurseries, crèches and preschools.


The BTEC in Children's Play, Learning and Development enables learners to develop the appropriate skills required for future work in this sector.

Latest qualifications:

BTEC Level 3 Nationals (RQF) qualifications are now available for:



Children's Play, Learning and Development


See next page for details of all BTEC Level 3 Nationals Childcare qualifications available as well as what to do if you are currently delivering the QCF versions of these qualifications. 

Links with Industry Professionals

Recognised and supported by Early Education and PACEY, the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

 [Find out more](#)

Helping you switch to the new RQF qualifications

We're planning to run a series of events during 2020 to share all the information you will need to easily move over to the new RQF qualifications. We'll be in touch as soon as these are scheduled or you can check the [training page](#) for latest news here. 

Want to talk to someone about delivering these qualifications?

You can contact us through our [support portal](#) or by calling **0344 463 2816**





Suite	Qualification Number	Title	Last registration	Status	Assessment	ESFA 16-19 Funding	ESFA 19+ Funding	DfE Performance Tables	Transition to new qualifications
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals (QCF)	500/1814/0	Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development ***	Available to learners	Current (Northern Ireland only)	Internally assessed	Yes	No	No	n/a
	500/1813/9	Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development ***	Available to learners	Current (Northern Ireland only)		Yes	No	No	
	500/1812/7	Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development ***	Available to learners	Current (Northern Ireland only)		Yes	No	No	
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals (RQF)	601/7569/2	Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development ****	Available to learners	Current (England only)	Internal and external assessment	Yes	Yes	Applied General	n/a
	601/7570/9	Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development ****	Available to learners	Current (England only)		Yes	Yes	Tech Level	
	601/7571/0	Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) ****	Available to learners	Current (England only)		Yes	Yes	Tech Level	
	601/7572/2	Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) ****	Available to learners	Current (England only)		Yes	Yes	Tech Level	

*** Not available in England and Wales
 **** Not available in Wales and Northern Ireland