

Early Years Educator qualification criteria – DfE announcement

How does this affect qualifications delivered from September 2013?

There is no change to qualifications being delivered from September 2013. Centres have a range of options open to them, including delivering the:

- Pearson Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (CYPW) (QCF), which have been extended to 31 August 2014

For further advice on qualifications, visit: www.pearsonwbl.com

What does the criteria say?

The criteria outline the minimum requirements for early years qualifications, which are as follows:

Learners should be able to:

- Support and promote children's early education and development
- Plan and provide effective care, teaching and learning that enables children to progress and prepares them for school
- Make accurate and productive assessment
- Develop effective and informed practice
- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and welfare of children
- Work in partnership with the key person, colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals

Importantly, qualifications must be regulated by Ofqual on either the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) or the Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF).

You can read the full criteria on the DfE website: www.dfe.gov.uk

How will this affect Pearson qualifications?

We will be developing a new qualification to meet the Early Years Educator criteria and the new DfE Technical Guidance for Vocational Qualifications at Level 3, for first teaching from September 2014. We anticipate that the revised qualifications will be accredited by Spring 2014. We will be updating centres with further details as soon as information is available.

Does this affect qualifications delivered in Wales and Northern Ireland?

No. The criteria will only affect early years qualifications delivered in **England**.