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Qualification

Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

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Course Description

The **Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner** is a professional qualification designed to prepare learners for employment as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner within early years settings.

This qualification develops learners' knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to seven years, with applied practice focused on children aged 0–5 years in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). It meets the Department for Education (DfE) Level 2 Full and Relevant criteria, enabling successful learners to be counted in Level 2 staff-to-child ratios in regulated early years provision.

Course Structure

The Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner consists of **14 mandatory units**, all of which must be completed to achieve the qualification:

**UNIT
01**

Roles and Responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner

**UNIT
02**

Health and Safety of Babies and Young Children in the Early Years

**UNIT
03**

Equality, Diversity and Inclusive Practice in Early Years Settings

**UNIT
04**

Safeguarding, Protection and Welfare of Babies and Young Children

**UNIT
05**

Understand How to Support Children's Development

**UNIT
06**

Support Care Routines for Babies and Young Children

**UNIT
07**

Support the Planning and Delivery of Activities, Purposeful Play and Educational Programmes

**UNIT
08**

Promote Play in an Early Years Setting

**UNIT
09**

Support Well-being of Babies and Young Children for Healthy Lifestyles

**UNIT
10**

Support Babies and Young Children to be Physically Active

**UNIT
11**

Support the Needs of Babies and Young Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



UNIT
12

Promote Positive
Behaviour in Early
Years Settings

UNIT
13

Partnership
Working in the
Early Years

UNIT
14

Support the Needs
of the Child in
Preparing for
School

How We Support You – Our Support and Delivery Model

Our courses are designed to be accessible, supportive, and suitable for learners at all levels. All learning materials are written in clear, straightforward language to help learners build understanding and confidence.

Courses are delivered entirely through **self-paced distance learning** via our online platform, enabling learners to study flexibly alongside work, education, or personal commitments.

Learners have continuous access to tutor support throughout their course. Tutors can be contacted via the VLE or email, with responses typically provided within 24 to 48 hours.

Additional **on-demand support sessions** may be arranged where required. Regular **live webinars** are also offered, subject to tutor availability, providing opportunities for engagement, questions, and reinforcement of learning.

Assessment Process

Assessment is completed through:

Written assignments

Workplace observations

There are **no formal examinations**. Assessment focuses on demonstrating understanding, awareness, and appropriate application of knowledge at Level 2 standard.

Course Duration

The course offers **293 Guided Learning Hours (GLH)** and is delivered through flexible, self-paced learning. It can typically be completed within approximately **6–9 months**, depending on the learner's own pace. Course access expires after one year, and a re-enrolment charge is applicable.



Our Process

01.

Choose & Pay for Your Course Online

Select your desired course and payment method online. Opt for either full payment or convenient monthly instalments where available. Complete your payment after filling out the application form.

02.

Fill Out the Enrolment Form

After payment, you will be prompted to complete the enrolment form. This form gathers all necessary details required for your registration with the awarding organisation.

03.

Access the VLE – Moodle

Start your course on our user-friendly Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Here, you will find all learning materials, resources, and guidance required to support your studies. Your dedicated tutor will guide you through the process and provide feedback throughout your learning journey.

04.

Submit Assignments & Receive Feedback

Engage in the learning process by submitting assignments through the VLE. Your assigned tutor will provide constructive feedback to help you refine your work and make progress in your studies.

05.

Successfully Complete Assignments

Work diligently to complete all required course components and assessment tasks. Your commitment and effort will contribute to successful course completion.

06.

Obtain Your Accredited Certificate

Upon successfully completing the course, your work will undergo internal quality assurance and external verification. Once approved, you will receive an Ofqual-regulated accredited certificate recognising your achievement.



Course Brochure Takeaways

A nationally
recognised
Level 2
Diploma

Meets DfE
Level 2
Full and Relevant
Early Years
Practitioner
criteria

Blended
learning with
recommended
250 placement
hours

No exams –
observation- and
assignment-based
assessment

Direct
progression
to Level 3 Early
Years Educator
qualifications

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