

New Level 4 / 5 Playwork Qualifications on the QCF

Level 4 Award in Playwork (9 credits/90 learning hours in total including self managed study and assessment). The level 4 Award in Playwork is an induction into Playwork and can be used as continuous professional development for those working with the playwork sector but qualified in a different field e.g. early years

Unit Title	Credits
1. Understand the principles and theories underpinning Playwork provision	9
Total Credits: Award	9

Level 4 Certificate in Playwork (36 credits / 360 learning hours). The Certificate encompasses the Award unit and prepares the learner for employment.

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1. Understand the principles and theories underpinning Playwork provision	9
2. Understand how to work with colleagues and other key partners to develop an organisational framework for children and young people's play	6
3. Understand how to develop, manage and review operational plans for play provision	7
4. Understand how to establish and develop working relationships to support children and young people's play	3
5. Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	3
6. Understand how to research, design and facilitate possibilities for children and young people's self-directed play	8
Total Credit: Certificate	36

Level 5 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) encompasses the Level 4 Certificate and, on successful completion, confers competence and is accepted as the full qualification by Ofsted for practice in early years and childcare registered settings.

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7. Work with colleagues and other partners to develop an organisational framework for play	7
8. Develop, manage and review operational plans for play provision	6
9. Establish and develop working relationships to support children and young people's play	5
10. Research, design and facilitate possibilities for children and young people's self-directed play	6
Total Credits Diploma (NVQ)	60

Continuing Professional Development Awards

These units were initially developed as optional units for the playwork national occupational standards and have now been developed as stand-alone Awards to support continuing professional development at level 4 and level 5.

Qualification Title	Credits
Level 4 Award in Supporting Others in Accessing the Resources they need to Provide Play Environments	4
Level 4 Award in Providing Information to Support Decision Making	6
Level 4 Award in Obtaining Additional Finance for the Organisation	7
Level 4 Award in Working with Other Organisations, Agencies and Professionals in a Playwork Context	6
Level 5 Award in Providing Leadership in Own Area of Responsibility	9
Level 5 Award in Managing Finance in Own Area of Responsibility	5
Level 5 Award in Developing and Implementing Procedures to Safeguard Children and Young People	8