



The Level 2 and 3 Awards, Certificates and Diplomas in Playwork



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Being a playworker is challenging, rewarding and most importantly fun. It gives you unique job opportunities in many types of settings – including after school clubs, holiday playschemes, adventure playgrounds and sport centres.

The Level 2 and 3 Awards, Certificates and Diplomas in Playwork are a flexible way to gain nationally recognised qualifications which will help you move ahead in this exciting area.

They offer a stepping stone approach to enhance your skills and experience while fitting around your home and work life. This not only makes them a great way to advance your knowledge, but most importantly they will help you make a difference where it counts ... to the lives of children and young people.

How do the qualifications work?

There is an Award, Certificate and Diploma at Level 2 and Level 3. You can move through the Award to the Certificate and then to the Diploma, building up the units as you go.

At Level 2 you will need to complete the units as shown to achieve the Award, Certificate or Diploma:



Level 2	Award	Certificate	Diploma
Unit 1: Children's play and playwork	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 2: Planning and supporting play	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 3: Playwork provision that supports children and young people's play and development	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 4: Legal responsibilities for playworkers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 5: Playwork and the wider network	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 6: Reflective playwork practice	Yes	Yes	Yes

At Level 3 the qualifications are made up as follows:

Level 3	Award	Certificate	Diploma
Unit 1: Children's play and playwork	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unit 2: Planning and supporting play	No	Yes	Yes
Unit 3: Playwork provision that supports children and young people's play and development	No	Yes	Yes
Unit 4: Legal responsibilities for playworkers	No	Yes	Yes
Unit 5: Playwork and the wider network	No	Yes	Yes
Unit 6: Reflective playwork practice	No	No	Yes

What is the difference between the Level 2 and Level 3 qualification?

The Level 2 has been designed for learners who may be new to playwork and/or who have limited responsibilities in the play setting. The Level 3 is for those with more experience and have a range of responsibilities including supervision or management.

Do I have to take a formal exam?

There is one multiple choice question paper for the Level 2 Award and one for the Level 3 Certificate. Other units have a written assignment or task.

How long do they take to complete?

This will vary depending on your chosen Centre, but the full diplomas will usually take about two years on a part-time basis. Of course the Awards can be completed in a much shorter time. Contact your preferred Centre for more details.

What entry qualifications do you need?

There are no formal entry qualifications but you must be 16 years old before you start. You will also need to be employed or volunteering in a playwork setting while completing the qualifications.

What will it cost and where is it run?

Cost can vary in line with local funding. Your nearest Centre will be able to give you the most up-to-date information.

A list of Centres can be found on our web site at www.cache.org.uk or by ringing our Customer Support Team on 0845 347 2123.

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