



Endorsed Learning Programmes

What is an Endorsed Learning Programme?

Care, health and education training comes in all shapes and sizes.

That's why we provide the option to recognise the breadth of your quality programmes whether they are delivered in-house or externally. Not all existing qualifications will fit the needs of your organisation, which is why we offer Endorsed Learning Programmes (ELP) – our recognition of your own short courses and programmes.

A quality standard

Our Endorsed Learning Programmes are the benchmark for high quality, bespoke care, health and education training, and often mark the start of the pathway to a full qualification. The recognition they provide helps your training stand out in the care sector, and brings prestige to employers and learners alike.

Our Endorsed Learning Programmes are not regulated qualifications with levels or credits, but are owned by your organisation and quality assured annually by us. This ensures that the training materials you use are up to date and relevant, and gives complete confidence that your programme meets our rigorous quality assurance standards.

The benefits to your organisation

Our recognition adds value to your new or established programmes. It provides:

- recognition of your own training and development programmes
- showcases the calibre of staff development within your organisation
- an assessment component to the training course
- complete flexibility in design and delivery – including the assessment methods
- endorsed certificate for all participants

How does it work?

We endorse and monitor the overall quality of the programme, leaving you complete freedom to tailor the length, content, delivery and assessment methods to meet your exact business needs. From induction programmes, or short courses aimed at team members' continuing professional development, to specialised care programmes that upskill your staff, this flexible solution provides awarding organisation recognition and confidence in the value of the training.

Celebrating success

On completion of the course, all participants on our Endorsed Learning Programmes receive a certificate from us, recognising and celebrating their learning and achievement and continuing professional development.

Working with us

To gain endorsement for your programmes, you must be one of our approved Centres.

Providers are typically private training providers, colleges or in-house training departments. Approval can often be a first step on the journey to becoming one of our Recognised Centres offering accredited qualifications as well as your own endorsed programmes.

Next steps

Contact our Customer Support team for further information and to arrange to speak to a subject specialist.

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Endorsed Learning Programme Flowchart

An Approved Centre would like to endorse a programme of learning they have developed and contacts us.

We will email the Centre to confirm receipt of the enquiry, the fees relating to Endorsed Learning Programmes and what documents we will require.

Once the required documents have been received we will invoice the Centre for a new programme material review, we will then review the Centre's programme.

Following a review of the programme materials the ELP will either be approved or feedback/advice/action will be given to the Centre in order that the programme can be amended, reviewed again and approved.

Up to two reviews of the proposed ELP is included in the new programme material review fee. Extra reviews are charged at an additional cost.

The programme will then be set up on our systems and the Centre will be able to begin registering and certificating learners.

The programme will be endorsed by us for one year from the date of approval.

Towards the end of the programme we will quality assure the programme and review materials and a sample of learners' work.

The centre decides if it would like to extend the ELP for an additional year.

CACHE was established in 1945 by the Ministry of Health under the name of the National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB). The board set the syllabus for the first national examination which took place in 1947. In 1994 the NNEB merged with the Council for Early Years Awards to form CACHE. In 2001 we incorporated the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare and in 2015 we became part of NCFE. Over the years we have continually invested in high quality qualifications. Written and developed by experts, they have helped millions of learners across the world to raise professional standards, earning us a reputation for excellence and leadership across the sector. Our continued dedication to those who care for children, young people and adults means that our qualifications will continue to meet the needs of a modern workforce.
