



DfE 'full and relevant' criteria for early years qualifications started before 1 September 2014

Short criteria

No	Criteria
1	Demonstrate depth and level of learning appropriate to specified outcomes of full early years, childcare or playwork qualifications.
2	Demonstrate it has valid, reliable assessment and awarding procedures
3	Include an element of assessed performance evidence

Extended criteria

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1	<p>Demonstrate depth and level of learning appropriate to specified outcomes of full early years, childcare or playwork qualifications.</p> <p>Comment/detail</p> <p>Qualifications will be mapped using Skills for Health level descriptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 2 Working knowledge of: the application of factual knowledge in a manner that takes account of widely understood principles and implications within the field of practice• Level 3 In-depth understanding of: a broad and detailed understanding of the theoretical underpinning of an area of practice including conflicting theories and constructs• Level 4 Critical understanding of: the ability to evaluate and devise approaches to situations that depend on the critical application of theories and conceptual constructs within the area of practice

No	Criteria
2	<p>Demonstrate it has valid, reliable assessment and awarding procedures</p> <p>Comment/detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment by individual who is professionally competent and knowledgeable • Process and methodology appropriate to nature and size of qualification externality • Awarding procedures reflect achievement
3	<p>Include an element of assessed performance evidence</p> <p>Comment/detail</p> <p>This could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observed performance • Work products • Child observations and assessments • Curriculum plans • Individual learning/play plans • Etc

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