

New Level 2/3 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Playwork

Skills Active have announced a new playwork qualification the level 2 and 3 Awards, Certificates and Diplomas in Playwork. Both offer a stepping stone approach to enhance your skills and experience whilst fitting around your home and work life.

The aim of this new qualification structure is to support learners who are entering the profession to qualify in bite sized chunks. However there is also the opportunity for more experienced workers to come straight in at Diploma level and demonstrate their achievement of all the Award and Certificate requirements as part of their Diploma.

The Award covers the key elements needed for a worker to undertake level 2 responsibilities and be safe with children and young people. It contains both knowledge-based learning as well as opportunities to practice and is short enough to be accessible to those working for only a few weeks a year in a temporary capacity, and should be considered an induction to the role of the playworker.

The Certificate covers the core of the playwork standards and an element of practice. To gain the Certificate in playwork, learners will cover the Award plus the additional certificate units at the same level.

The Diploma covers all of the necessary playwork national occupational standards and reflects the aspects of work common to all children and young people and which are appropriate to the playworker's role at this level.

Frequently Asked Questions - Also see page 3 questions 3 & 5

1. When will they start?

It is hoped that both the Level 2 and Level 3 will be on offer from October 2010

2. I have not finished my level 2/3 Playwork NVQ - will I still be able to finish it?

Yes the awarding bodies will give you plenty of time to continue and finish your existing NVQ

3. Will these new playwork diplomas be on the CWDC's qualification list?

No, at the moment these playwork qualifications are not on the list and will not be suitable for staff working in EYFS settings with under 5's

For further information visit:

www.skillsactive.com/playwork/qualifications/qualifications_development