Focus Awards – Purpose Statement

Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (England) (QCF)

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Qualification Overview
The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce is aimed at learners wishing to develop skills and knowledge which are needed when working with children and young people from their birth to age 19 years.

The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce can lead to a diverse range of job roles.

The qualification is split into three pathways; Early Learning and Child Care, Children’s Social Care and Learning and Development Support Services.

Qualification Type
The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (England) (QCF) is a work based qualification accredited on the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF). The QCF framework gives learners the opportunity to get the qualifications they need, in a way that suits them. QCF qualifications are designed with the help of employers so learners can be assured that they’re gaining skills that employers are looking for.

The QCF:
Recognises smaller steps of learning and enables learners to build up qualifications bit by bit
Helps learners achieve skills and qualifications that meet industry needs
 Enables work-based training to be nationally recognised.
Learner Entry Requirements
There are no specific entry requirements for this qualification. There is an element of communication (discussing, presenting, reading and writing) involved and learners should have basic skills in communication at level 2.

Qualification Progression Routes
Upon successful completion of the Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (England) (QCF), you may choose to progress on to:

- The Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People’s Services
- Foundation Degree

Job Roles
Achieving the Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (QCF) could support learner’s employment progression in a variety of roles, this includes for example:

- Children’s Centre Manager
- Registered Manager of Children’s Homes
- Youth Workers
- Support Workers
- Learning Mentors
- Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS) Family Court Advisers.

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification at the same level why should a learner take this particular one?

There is not a larger or smaller version of this qualification at the same level but, Focus Awards also offers the Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (QCF) that is similar in name to this qualification and choosing between them depends entirely on your circumstances. Choosing the Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (QCF) maybe appropriate for you if you work, or have just started to work in the children and young people’s workforce. Choosing the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF) maybe appropriate for you if are able to work or wants to work at a supervisory level in the children and young people’s workforce.
Who supports this qualification?

The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce (QCF) has support from a number of employers within the child development and wellbeing sector.

Closure of the QCF

On the 1st October 2015 the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) was replaced with a new Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF). The RQF will help people better understand how qualifications relate to each other, by setting consistent measures of size (how long, typically, a qualification takes to study and be assessed for) and level of difficulty.