



Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate: September 2024

What is the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate?

- The Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate is a new qualification which has been developed from the Care Certificate standards, it is accredited, portable and requires assessment of skills.
- The qualification is open to all eligible non-regulated care staff, aged 19+. This will not replace the Care Certificate standards, but knowledge gained from new starter induction may be used towards gaining the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate via recognition of prior learning.

How do I access the funding?

- The Learning and Development Support Scheme will have a digital online claims service that allows adult social care employers to claim funding for certain training courses and qualifications on behalf of eligible care staff. The approved course list includes the **Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate Qualification**. Eligible employers can claim funding for the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate on behalf of eligible care staff for up to £1500 per qualification.
- The funding scheme is administered by NHS Business Services Authority (NHS-BSA) on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care.
- After expressing interest in using the online claims service through the form, ASC employers will be contacted by NHSBSA to start the onboarding process in due course. This is a phased onboarding process, guided by NHSBSA. For the first few months, access to the online claims service is only possible through an invitation from NHSBSA.
- ASC employers must complete, or have completed, the ASC-WDS. Once the new account is verified and the onboarding process is complete, eligible ASC employers can submit claims on behalf of their employees. To claim, employers will need to provide evidence as outlined in the 'Evidence requirements' section
- Full details of how to access the funding and submitting claims from the Learning and Development Support Scheme can be accessed in the guidance [Learning and Development Support Scheme for the adult social care workforce: a guide for employers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/learning-and-development-support-scheme-for-the-adult-social-care-workforce-a-guide-for-employers).

Why should I enrol my staff onto the qualification?

- Developed from the Care Certificate standards, the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification has been designed to ensure people in care roles have the most up to date knowledge and baseline skills required to support people well and succeed in their roles.
- The qualification provides the key knowledge and skills required for the 'New to Care' role in the [Care Workforce Pathway](#), employers may therefore decide it is appropriate for a new care

worker to complete the qualification alongside employer specific induction and mandatory training.

- For those who may have been in the sector for several years and deserve to be acknowledged for the skilled care they provide, the qualification will also provide a route for them to gain a recognised qualification.
- Investing in training and supporting staff to develop their careers will act as an incentive for people to join, develop, and stay in the workforce.

Where do I find out more?

- The Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification launched to the sector on 3rd June and can be accessed via accredited training providers. The [qualification webpage](#) will be continually updated with information about the awarding organisations whom have been approved to make the Ofqual regulated qualification available for training providers. In the meantime, please speak with a chosen training provider to discuss delivery.