



Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate: May 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 direct 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.

Is Government providing funding towards places?

- The pre-election period started at 00:01 on Saturday 25 May, during which time there will be restrictions on the conduct of government business. This arises from the special character of government business during an election campaign, and from the need to maintain, and be seen to maintain, the impartiality of the Civil Service, and to avoid any criticism of an inappropriate use of official resources.
- In this light we have assessed the position with regards to the proposed funding for the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification. Having done so we have concluded that any decisions or wider activity relating to making that funding available should be suspended for the time being, pending fresh consideration by the government that will form following the General Election. This pause relates to funding decisions and activity by DHSC only.

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 will launch 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.