

Level 2 Diploma in Care



This knowledge & skills-based qualification ensures that the learner can demonstrate understanding and effective practice across both health and adult care. This supports the vision of employers providing integrated services and the portability of skills and knowledge across the health and adult care workforce.



This diploma is formed of mandatory and optional units. The mandatory units listed below cover core competencies while optional units allow learners to choose from a variety of areas to tailor the qualification to their needs, interests and to reflect the context of their work:

- communication
- personal development
- values and behaviours
- health and wellbeing
- responsibilities
- safeguarding.

Read more about what the qualification includes [here](#).

How it helps care and support workers

This qualification will support learners to develop skills and knowledge needed to provide frontline care for vulnerable adults within their own homes, day care centres, residential and nursing homes and other healthcare settings.

There are a wide range of optional units to support areas of specialism, including:

- learning disability services
- dementia care
- domiciliary care
- end of life care
- residential care
- healthcare support.

Who offers it?

This qualification is available from a range of approved learning providers, including a number of Skills for Care's [endorsed learning providers](#).

Is there funding available?

Yes, adult social care employers in England can claim up to £600 per staff member on completion of the Level 2 Diploma in Care. If the learner is completing the diploma as part of the Adult Care Worker apprenticeship, employers can claim up to £600 upon completion of the diploma and a further £400 upon successful completion of the apprenticeship following the end-point assessment.

[Find out more about the Workforce Development Fund.](#)

When should it be undertaken?

This qualification should be undertaken at the beginning of a health or adult social care career, following completion of the Care Certificate.

How long does it take?

The timeframe can vary but usually this qualification takes twelve months to complete.