

Qualifications for practitioners in day care of children services

Practitioners in day care of children services are defined as workers who identify and meet the care, support and learning needs of children and contribute to the development and quality assurance of informal learning activities and/or curriculum.


They may also be responsible for the supervision of other workers.

You must obtain one of the following qualifications:

- SVQ 3 Social Services (Children and Young People) at [SCQF Level 7](#)
- HNC Early Education and Childcare
- SVQ 3 Playwork (at [SCQF Level 7](#))
- BA (Hons) Social Work (or equivalent)
- Degree or Diploma in Community Education or equivalent as recognised by the Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland Approvals Committee
- A qualification meeting the registration requirements of the General Teaching Council for Scotland, Nursing and Midwifery Council, General Medical Council or the following professional groups regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council:
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Art, Music and Drama Therapists
 - Practitioner Psychologists
 - Physiotherapists
 - Speech and Language Therapists.

Additional accepted qualifications for practitioners and support workers in day care of children services

- SVQ 3 Children's Care, Learning and Development (at [SCQF Level 7](#))
- SVQ 3 Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) (at SCQF Level 7) plus SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (Higher) (DM4112) with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development An Introduction(ED2 L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher)(DM3X12)

- The OU modules E100 The Early Years Developing Practice and E105 Professional practice in the early years
- SVQ 3 Health and Social Care (Adults) (at SCQF Level 7) plus SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (Higher)(DM4112) plus SQA unit Supporting Children's Rights and Entitlements (DM5J11) (Higher) OR SQA Unit Children and Young People's Rights: Provision, Protection and Participation (F3S4 34) OR (HSC34) Promote the Wellbeing and protection of children and young people with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development (An Introduction)(ED2 L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher)(DM3X12)
- The Open University (OU) Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood Practice/OU Foundation Degree in Early Years
- Montessori Centre International, International Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy plus one of the following SQA units:
 - Protect and Promote Children's Rights (DT4M04)
 - Children and Young People's Rights: Provision, Protection and Participation (F3S434)
- Montessori Partnership, Montessori Diploma in Early Years Education plus one of the following SQA units:
 - Protect and Promote Children's Rights (DT4M04)
 - Children and Young People's Rights: Provision, Protection and Participation (F3S434)
- 4 mandatory units from the SVQ Children's Care Learning and Development (Level 4) plus a minimum of 5 units from  [appendix 2](#)
- BA Social Pedagogy
- Four mandatory units from the SVQ level 4 Playwork (at SCQF level 9) plus the following four optional units
 - DV1H 04 - Obtain the facilities and services required for play provision
 - DV1G 04 - Manage and develop play facilities and services
 - DV19 04 - Develop and implement procedures to safeguard children and young people
 - DV1N 04 - Research, design and facilitate possibilities for self-directed play
 - **plus** the following unit from the SVQ 3 Playwork (at SCQF level 7)
 - DV1K 04 - Plan and support self-directed play

Acceptable QCF Diplomas for practitioners and support workers in day care of children services


- Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care Learning and Development, plus the SQA unit Protect and Promote Children's Rights (DT4M04)

- Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce, plus the SQA unit Promote the Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People (DK4H04) plus the SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (DM4112) with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development (An Introduction) (ED2L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher) (DM3X12)
- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) from Wales or Northern Ireland plus the SQA unit Promote the Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People (DK4H04) plus the SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (DM4112) with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development (An Introduction)(ED2L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher)(DM3X12)
- Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People's Advanced Practice) from Wales or Northern Ireland
- Level 5 Diploma in Leadership in Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services.

Previously accepted qualifications for practitioners in a day care of children service

Other qualifications have previously been included in the qualification criteria for practitioners. You may hold one of them. The SSSC continues to accept these awards for registration.

- NVQ Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) (Level 3) plus SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (Higher) (DM4112) with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development An Introduction(ED2 L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher)(DM3X12)
- NVQ Health and Social Care (Adults) (Level 3) plus SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (Higher)(DM4112) plus SQA unit Supporting Children's Rights and Entitlements (DM5J11) (Higher) OR SQA Unit Children and Young People's Rights: Provision, Protection and Participation (F3S4 34) OR (HSC34) Promote the Wellbeing and protection of children and young people with one of the following SQA units:
 - Child Development (An Introduction)(ED2 L12)
 - Child Development: Birth to twelve years (Higher)(DM3X12)
- Level 1 of the Open University (OU) Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood Practice/Level 1 of the OU Foundation Degree in Early Years E123 +E124 or E100 plus E115 or E105
- SCOTEC Certificate in the Educational Care of Severely and Profoundly Mentally Handicapped Children

- NVQ Children's Care Learning and Development (Level 3)
- S/NVQ Early Years Care and Education (Level 3)
- S/NVQ Child Care and Education (Level 3)
- SVQ Caring for Children and Young People (Level 3) or SVQ Health and Social Care (Children and Young People)(Level 3) plus SQA unit Play in Early Education and Child Care (Higher) (DM4112) with one of the following:
 - SQA unit Child Development: An Introduction (ED2 L12)
 - SQA unit Child Development: Birth to Twelve Years (Higher)(DM3X12)
- S/NVQ Health and Social Care (Children and Young People)(Level 4)
- HNC Social Care with either SVQ Playwork (Level 3) or SVQ Early Years Care and Education (Level 3)
- HNC Supporting Learning Needs
- HND Supporting Learning Needs
- HNC Working with Children in Early Years
- HNC Child Care and Education
- The Scottish Nursery Nurse Examination Board Certificate
- Group of 21 credits from the SCOTVEC modules in child care listed in  [list B](#) (currently recognised for the purposes of registration with Scottish Child Care Education Board)
- The National Nursery Examination Board Certificate (NNEB)
- BA Curative Education (University of Aberdeen)
- Degree or Diploma in Community Education or equivalent, as recognised by the Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland Approvals Committee
- Certificate in the Residential Care of Children and Young People
- Senior Certificate in the Residential Care of Children and Young People
- BA (Hons) Professional Studies (Playwork)
- Degree/Diploma Curative Education
- Certificate in Hospital Play Specialism (HPSET)
- Foundation Degree in Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education (University of Plymouth) plus the SQA unit (DT4M 04) Protect and promote children's rights or the SQA unit (DM5J 12) Supporting children's rights and entitlements (Higher) OR SQA Unit Children and Young People's Rights: Provision, Protection and Participation (F3S4 34).

If you have a relevant qualification that is not on this list it may still be acceptable. Contact us on 0845 60 30 891 or email registration@sssc.uk.com