**City & Guilds Early Years & Childcare News July 2019**

**Level 2 Apprenticeships in England**

Skills for Care, as the issuing authority for the Children and Young People’s Workforce SASE framework has confirmed that they have been asked by DfE to do two things:

1. To create a new early years pathway in the level 2 intermediate apprenticeship for those apprentices who work with children between 0-5 years. This pathway will include the new Early Years Practitioner qualifications, which have been approved by DfE.
2. To retain the current Children and Young People’s Workforce pathway with the current 4227-01 qualification, the Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s Workforce BUT to restrict this to apprentices working with children and young people aged 6-19

**Early Years Practitioner standard development**

City & Guilds is aware that there is a group of employers working on Level 2 Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship standard. It is expected that the standard will be submitted to the Institute for Apprenticeships for their consideration in August.

**What does this mean for City & Guilds centres?**

The existing 4227-01 Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s Workforce which is has an end registration date of 31 August 2019, will be **extended to 31 December 2020.** However, this will only be appropriate for learners working with children and young people over the age of 6 years of age. The qualification handbook will be updated to reflect the change in age range from 01 September 2019.

A NEW 4228-02 Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (England) has been developed and is **approved by DfE** as meeting their [Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Qualification Criteria](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-practitioner-level-2-qualifications-criteria). This means that as soon as we have a QAN number, DfE will add it to their list of **Full and Relevant level 2 qualifications** Skills for Care can add it to the new Early Years pathway for the Intermediate Apprenticeships in the SASE framework for starts from 01 September 2019.

Please note that from 01 September 2019 all workers in early years settings who need to complete a qualification will need to register on a qualification from the DfE approved qualifications list.

 **Level 3 Apprenticeships in England**

The Advanced Apprenticeship pathways in the CYPW SASE framework will remain the same. There has not been a request to remove the Early Years Educator pathway even though there is now an Early Years Educator apprenticeship standard. It is expected that there will be an overlap of SASE and standard provision for the time being. Notice will be given prior to the removal of closure of the SASE pathway for Early Years Educator.

The Children’s Social Care pathway in SASE continues to be available for those apprentices **NOT** working in Residential Childcare. The 4227-04 Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (Social Care pathway) has been extended to 31 December 2020.

**The whole SASE Framework is expected to close on 31 July 2020.**

The Early Years Educator apprenticeship standard has been published and can be found at this link <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-educator/>

City & Guilds 3605-03 Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (Work-based) will be recognised as meeting the mandatory qualification requirements as it is on the DfE approved list of Early Years Educator qualifications.

**End Point Assessment for Early Years Educator**

City & Guilds intends to offer End Point Assessment for this standard. We would be very interested to receive expressions of interest from you regarding this.

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