City & Guilds - Health & Care Newsletter – Summer 2021

Welcome to our centre Newsletter for Health & Care.

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A farewell
This spring, we said goodbye and good luck to our lovely colleague Paul Robottom. Paul decided to retire and will be sadly missed by colleagues and centres alike. We would like to extend our thanks for all of Paul's hard work and commitment over the years he has been with us at City & Guilds and wish him every success and a long and happy retirement.

A Big 'Thank You'
Our thanks to all our External Quality Assurers (EQAs), Lead Independent End-Point Assessors and Independent End-Point Assessors who have supported all our centres and end-point assessment activities over the last year and through the challenges we have all faced over recent months. Your support is greatly appreciated.

So on with the news and updates…

Adaptations and Flexibilities
Hopefully you have been keeping up to date with our Qualification Adaptations and EPA flexibilities by keeping an eye on our dedicated Covid-19 webpage where you will find signposting to our specific guidance.

Don't forget that we have specific guidance for all our Health & Social Care and CCPLD qualifications for Wales on https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/.

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Adult Care qualifications and apprenticeships in England

The Level 2 Adult Care Worker and Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker standards were expected to be reviewed at some point this year. There are no details available yet on the Institute's (IfATE) web pages.

3095-31 Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care
We have been working on a number of additional optional units to be added to this qualification. More details will follow in the coming weeks and these should be available from September/October.

A New Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care
Skills for Care has been working with the sector to produce a revised qualification specification for this qualification. We will be starting to explore exactly what this means in the coming weeks and months. At the moment it looks as though there will be a need for a new qualification to meet the new specifications.

We are trying something new by hosting an afternoon of virtual drop-in sessions for centres to come together with Geraldine and Suzi to discuss and contribute to the design of the new qualification. The sessions will be as interactive as we can make them.

Please keep 25 June 2021 between 1.00pm - 4.45pm available if you would like to join us.

We are thinking about using this session as a series of four 45 minutes slots so that we can include as many centres as possible.

Timings will be:

1pm – 1.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-design-the-new-city-guilds-level-3-diploma-in-adult-care-tickets-159490824349

2pm – 2.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-design-the-new-city-guilds-level-3-diploma-in-adult-care-tickets-159504701857

3pm - 3.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-design-the-new-city-guilds-level-3-diploma-in-adult-care-tickets-159506414981

4pm – 4.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-design-the-new-city-guilds-level-3-diploma-in-adult-care-tickets-159506978667

Please use the links above to book your slot. Places will be limited to 20 per session, so please limit your bookings to **one person per centre** and then be prepared to cascade to your teams. We will send invitations as soon as we can. These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

4222-34 Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care
The Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care is already approved by Skills for Care. It is recognised as the mandatory qualification for the Level 4 Lead Practitioner in Adult Care apprenticeship standard. The L4 Diploma qualification is available for delivery as a standalone qualification.

We have made some changes to the Handbook by refreshing some mandatory content and adding in 2 new optional units which will support the delivery of the apprenticeship standard. A mapping document showing the coverage of the standard through the qualification is also available.

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You will find the qualification handbook on the 4222 web page.

EPA for Lead Practitioner in Adult Care
We have launched our EPA offer for this standard. The EPA Pack for Centres and recording forms can be found on the 9047 web page. Exemplar materials can be accessed through our EPA Pro platform. This product is open for registrations.

The 3080-50 Level 5 Diploma in Leadership & Management for Adult Care (England)
The L5 Diploma qualification is endorsed by Skills for Care. It is recognised as a mandatory qualification in the Level 5 Leader in Adult Care apprenticeship. The L5 Diploma qualification is also live for delivery as a standalone qualification. We have refreshed the qualification handbook (September 2020 Version 3.0) to include more guidance on unit assessment. We have also competed a mapping document for centres to use which maps the L5 Diploma qualification to the skills and knowledge requirements of the Leader in Adult Care apprenticeship standard.

We will be extending this qualification.

We have developed an EPA Product to support this standard. The EPA Pack for centres and recording forms can be found on the 9046 web page. Exemplar materials will soon be available through EPA Pro.

A New Level 5 Diploma in Leadership & Management for Adult Care (England)
As with the Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care, Skills for Care has been working with the sector to produce a revised qualification specification for this qualification. We will be starting to explore exactly what this means in the coming weeks and months. At the moment, it looks as though there will be a need for a new qualification to meet the new specifications.

We are approaching centres consultation on this qualification in the same way as the Level 3 by hosting an afternoon of virtual drop-in sessions for centres to come together with Geraldine and Suzi to discuss and contribute to the design of the new qualification. The sessions will be as interactive as we can make them.

Please keep 02 July 2021 between 1-4.45 available if you would like to join us.

We are thinking about using this session as a series of four 45 minutes slots so that we can include as many centres as possible.

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2pm – 2.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-design-a-new-city-guilds-level-5-diploma-for-leaders-in-adult-care-tickets-159627204265

3pm - 3.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-design-a-new-city-guilds-level-5-diploma-for-leaders-in-adult-care-tickets-159627481093

4pm – 4.45pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-design-a-new-city-guilds-level-5-diploma-for-leaders-in-adult-care-tickets-159627631543

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3614 Level 4 in Independent Advocacy Practice
This specialist qualification has been designed working alongside Kate Mercer Training and Carers Federation, in conjunction with AdviceNI and in consultation with the Department of Health & Social Care and Department for Education in England.

This single qualification replaces the Level 3 Certificates and Diploma. The qualification handbook is available on the 3614 web page

A centre meeting is being planned in the coming months – please look out for an alert that will be sent out soon.

Dental Nursing
There has been a significant change to our dental nursing offer.
We have developed 2 new qualifications, which are available for registrations.

The current 5234-01 Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing will close for registrations on 31 July 2021. This qualification will still be supported through to the end certification period 31 July 2024. The Evolve tests will continue to operate and External Quality Assurance activities will continue.

4238-12 Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing
This qualification has been designed to support the Dental Nurse (Integrated) apprenticeship standard in England and incorporates the End-Point Assessment within the qualification.

We have developed a Get to Gateway resource to support this qualification. You can request a demo on the Get to Gateway webpage or email digitalsales@cityandguilds.com.

4238-03 Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing
This qualification is a standalone qualification and is available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
The qualification Handbooks are available on the 4238 webpage where you will also find a set of FAQs relating to the new qualifications.

Smartscreen resources to support the dental nursing qualifications
These are in development and should start appearing on SmartScreen by the end of June.
The resources will consist of worksheets and handouts based on the content of GDC Learning Outcomes. We will provide mapping documents to identify links to both the 4238 and 5234 qualifications.

5234-01 Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing
This qualification will CLOSE for registrations on 31 July 2021. It is funded by ESFA in England for starts up until that date.

Healthcare
The three apprenticeship standards Healthcare Support Worker (L2), Senior Healthcare Support Worker (L3) and Healthcare Assistant Practitioner(L5) are ALL in the process of being reviewed by the Trailblazer group. **Please look out for consultations from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.**

L2 Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship – 'Get to Gateway'
We have developed a new product called '**Get to Gateway**' to support the on-programme delivery of the **L2 Healthcare Support Worker apprenticeship standard**. This is now available to centres. It has been designed specifically for apprentices and supports their learning and development through their 'on programme' apprenticeship journey aligned directly to the skills, knowledge, and behaviours they require within the apprenticeship standard and job role.

For more details on this, please contact the Health, Care and Childcare team or the Digital Solutions Team digitalsales@cityandguilds.com.

More information on Get to Gateway can be found Here.

Become a Lead Independent End Point Assessor (LIEPA)/Independent End Point Assessor (IEPA) - Apprenticeships in England/End Point Assessment (EPA)
For those of you wanting to find out more about the above opportunities, then further information can be found on the link below. We are currently recruiting for more LIEPAs/IEPAs for all our apprenticeship EPAs.

Become an independent assessor - find out more here.

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Join our Social Media groups

Recently launched on LinkedIn, the Adult Care Apprenticeship Support Group is growing in its centre membership. Designed to enable us and members to share best practice in apprenticeship delivery, raise issues for further discussion or receive communications from us, we hope membership will grow further, so please join.

Adult Care Apprenticeship Support Group (England)

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13600520/

There is also a Dental Nursing LinkedIn group. Connect with Geraldine on LinkedIn and ask to be invited to join the group.

Best Practice Guides in using Expert Witnesses and Professional Discussion

We have hosted a number of CPD webinars online through last autumn including 'Best Practice in the use of Expert Witness/Expert Witness Testimonies' and 'Best practice in Professional Discussion'. New centre Guides have also been produced for each of these events. CPD events can also be delivered 'in house' either virtually or face to face when this again becomes possible.

For further information on all CPD opportuneness please visit our website.

https://www.cityandguilds.com/what-we-offer/centres/cpd-training

Digital Badges/Digital Credentials – 2021- (England)

This is an exciting new development for our sector which means that we will be launching new digital badges/credentials for our core Diploma qualifications in Health, Care and Childcare in 2021. The detailed content behind the badge recognises the learners' achievements in a digital format and is something they can use as evidence with employers, attach to job applications, import into CPD work-based records, and use where required via social media platforms.

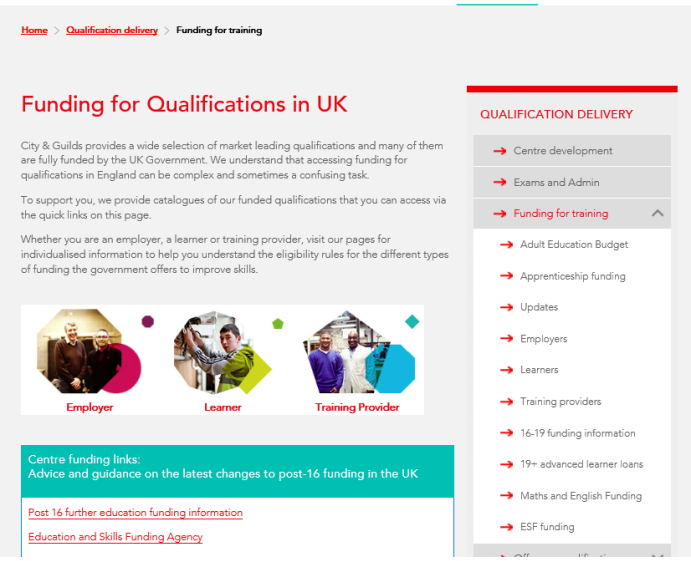
A digital credential covers a range of information about the learner's achievement. For a Diploma this will include the level of achievement e.g., L2, L3, L4 etc and a breakdown of the mandatory units/learning outcomes successfully completed within that qualification.

Digital credentials are already issued for apprenticeship EPA achievement and our CPD events. Further information can be found in the following link:

https://www.cityandguilds.com/digital-credentials

Funding Updates

You will find information on a range of funding streams available on our Funding for Qualifications webpage.



Thank you for reading our latest updates. If you had any questions, please feel free to contact Geraldine or Suzi using the contact details below.

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