

Change to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

City & Guilds welcomes the new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework that will be effective from 01 September 2021. Whilst our Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications continue endorsed by the Department for Education as full and relevant, we have reviewed our Level 2 Early Years Practitioner and our Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and can confirm that these continue to support and assess the knowledge and skills that underpin safe practice.

The table below illustrates how both qualifications reflect the changes to the EYFS

New EYFS	Addressed in the City & Guilds qualifications	
	Level 2 EYP	Level 3 EYE
Changes to the educational programmes:	The qualification does not reference any particular curriculum framework or educational programme however the content of Units 202 -209 are well aligned to the general expectations of the 7 areas of learning and development	Where engagement with a curriculum or educational programme is essential (Units 402 and 306), the qualification references the 'Current early years curriculum framework' with the expectation that learners and providers will always work to the most current statutory and non-statutory guidance documents.
New focus on early language and extending vocabulary	Recognising and responding to children's emerging and evolving SLC needs is adequately addressed across Units 202,206, 207 and 209	Identifying, planning for and responding to children's emerging and evolving SLC needs is address by Unit 309 and picked up again in Unit 401
Minor changes to the safeguarding and welfare	Content relating to safeguarding is in line with current guidance and is addressed specifically in Unit 203 but also in Unit 201. Understanding and supporting children's welfare is also addressed in Units 201 and 203.	We have recently reviewed the Unit 303 which is specifically about safeguarding and this is now aligned to current guidance and processes. Units 310 and 402 also link to safeguarding practice in terms of identifying, recording and reporting safeguarding concerns. Unit 307 is specifically about children's health and welfare and is sufficient to meet the changes to the EYFS. Children's welfare is also featured in Unit 402 in relation to recognising and responding to concerns.
Teeth and oral care	Unit 204 references knowledge and competencies linked to oral care and Unit 205 references knowledge and competencies relating to oral hygiene. These are collectively sufficient to address the new requirement within the EFYS to promote the good oral health of children	Understanding and supporting children's personal care needs, including care of their teeth is a requirement of Unit 307 and is sufficient to address the new requirement to promote the good oral health of children