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Care Qualifications

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Introduction

This guide is designed to illustrate the complete range of Care qualifications available from EDI, along with additional qualifications which complement the suite. For a brief description of each qualification please refer to pages 5-8.

Customers who register as an approved centre with EDI can expect the following benefits:

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Qualifications

Children's Care

Title	Type of Qualification	Level	Description
Children's Care, Learning and Development	NVQ	2, 3, 4	The focus of these NVQs is providing child care services for children and their families within a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency culture whilst working within the context of the principles and values of the sector. Learners compile a portfolio of evidence in order to demonstrate their competence.
Children's Care, Learning and Development	VRQ, Technical Certificate	2, 3	These qualifications require learners to understand the principles and values of the childcare sector, legislation relating to children, how children develop and learn and how to provide a healthy and safe environment for children. Assessment is through multiple choice test, either paper-based or online.
Children's Care, Learning and Development	Apprenticeship, Advanced Apprenticeship	2, 3	Comprising the NVQ, technical certificate, key skills and certificate in first aid for children.
First Aid for those Caring for Children	VRQ	2	Designed for those seeking employment in childcare, this qualification aims to provide first aid knowledge and skills relevant for those caring for babies and young children under the age of 8. It is also ideal for parents, childminders and babysitters. Assessment through practical demonstration and multiple choice test.
Playwork	NVQ	2, 3, 4	These NVQs are for people who work with children and young people in a setting providing opportunities for freely chosen, self-directed play. Learners must compile a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate their competence.

Health and Social Care

Title	Type of Qualification	Level	Description
Health and Social Care	NVQ	2, 3, 4	<p>These NVQs are designed for people who deliver physical, emotional or enabling care to clients, whether working in health or social care, in the public, private or voluntary sectors. They are designed to be applicable wherever care is delivered including hospitals, the client's own home, clinic, residential homes, nursing homes, day centres and group homes.</p> <p>Pathways are available in social care, health care, adults and children and young people. Learners compile a portfolio of evidence in order to demonstrate their competence.</p> <p>At level 4, the focus is on the development of services, organisational policy, joint working with other agencies, management skills and assessing the clients' needs.</p>
Health and Social Care	SVQ	2, 3	<p>These SVQs are designed for people who deliver physical, emotional or enabling care to clients, whether working in health or social care, in the public, private or voluntary sectors. They are designed to be applicable wherever care is delivered including hospitals, the client's own home, clinic, residential homes, nursing homes, day centres and group homes.</p> <p>Pathways are available in social care, health care, adults and children and young people. Learners compile a portfolio of evidence in order to demonstrate their competence.</p>
Health and Social Care	VRQ, Technical Certificate	2, 3	<p>Learners are required to understand the principles of working in the care sector and how to care for and protect individuals in a care environment. Assessment is through multiple choice test, either paper-based or online.</p>
Health and Social Care	Apprenticeship, Advanced Apprenticeship	2, 3	<p>Comprising the NVQ, technical certificate and key skills.</p>
Support Services in Health Care	NVQ	2	<p>This NVQ is designed for most supervised support workers within the health sector such as porters, security officers, housekeepers, laundry staff, postal and catering staff, drivers, receptionists and administrators. Learners compile a portfolio of evidence in order to demonstrate their competence.</p>
Leadership and Management for Care Services	NVQ	4	<p>The key purpose of this new qualification is to enable learners to lead and manage excellent, integrated, ethical and inclusive service provision which meets the needs of individuals and safeguards and promotes the wellbeing and development of people. Learners compile a portfolio of evidence in order to demonstrate their competence.</p>
Introduction to Caring for Adults	VRQ	1	<p>Through this qualification the learner will gain an understanding of the nature of adult care and develop knowledge of important values and procedures when caring for adults. It is suitable for people hoping to gain entry into employment in the adult care sector and also for people caring for a friend or relative. Assessment through centre-devised assignments.</p>

Title	Type of Qualification	Level	Description
Non-Care Staff in the Care Environment	VRQ	2	The aim of this qualification is to deliver essential skills and knowledge of the multi-disciplinary team, team working and positive customer service required for work in the care sector. Assessment through centre-devised assignments.
Dementia Care	VRQ	2	This qualification is designed for those working or planning to work in care environments such as hospitals, residential and respite care homes, day care centres and in an individual's own home. It will provide learners with an understanding of the different types of dementia, symptoms and treatments and of the support agencies available. Assessment through centre-devised assignments.
Moving and Handling	VRQ	2	This qualification will provide learners with the knowledge and understanding to carry out safe moving and handling techniques for objects and/or individuals. Assessment through questions, tasks and practical demonstration.
Managing and Safe Handling of Medicines	VRQ	2	This qualification is designed for employees responsible for the care of adults who need support and assistance in the administration of their medication. This includes, for example, care workers in residential homes, supported housing, and domiciliary care. Assessment through centre-devised assignments.
Control of Infection and Contamination	VRQ	2	This qualification will enable health and social care staff to reduce the risk of contamination in their workplace and to become aware of their role in infection control and prevention. Assessment through centre-devised assignments.
Prevention and Control of Infection	QCF	2	The qualification aims to familiarise learners with infection control legislation and policies. Learners will develop an understanding of the methods of cleaning and waste disposal that help prevent the spread of infection, along with the personal protective equipment they can use for their own safety. This knowledge will be underpinned through an increased understanding of the causes of infections, the conditions in which they thrive and the ways that they can be spread. Assessment is through portfolio of evidence.

Social Issues

Title	Type of Qualification	Level	Description
Buying or Renting a Home	QCF	1	This qualification aims to raise awareness of a range of social issues. The overall aim is to develop skills in tackling a range of issues related to housing which can be applied in everyday life, including choosing from the range of housing opportunities available, the individual's rights and responsibilities and how to budget appropriately for the various costs involved in living independently. Assessment through tasks.
Disability Awareness	VRQ	1	This qualification has been developed to enable learners to understand the differences between disability and impairment, the social model of disability, the barriers faced by disabled people and disability discrimination legislation. Assessment is through multiple choice test, either paper-based or online.
Drug and Substance Awareness	VRQ	1	This qualification is for learners who wish to develop knowledge of the impact drugs and substances can have on performance, in any environment, and aims to develop their responsibility towards themselves and others. Assessment through multiple choice test.

14-19 Diploma and Project

The Diploma is a new qualification for young people between the ages of 14 and 19. It combines practical skill development with theoretical and technical understanding and knowledge. EDI has been formally accredited by QCA as a Diploma Awarding Body.

In addition, EDI is accredited to award the Project – a qualification that forms part of the generic learning for all Diplomas – and this is already available to schools, colleges and other providers.

EDI also offers additional/specialist learning and functional skills, both of which are elements required within the Diploma.

Title	Type of Qualification	Level	Description
Society, Health and Development	Diploma	1, 2, 3	Aimed at 14-19 year olds, the Principal Learning for this Diploma includes a holistic study of the work of four sectors: health, adult care, community justice and children's workforce. Assessment is varied, holistic, summative and work-related.
Project	Project	1, 2, 3	Available either as part of the Diploma or as a standalone qualification, the Project requires learners to develop and extend a particular study area or an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It develops personal and communication skills as well as research and analytical skills. Assessment is through coursework.

Complementary qualifications

The following EDI accredited qualifications complement the Care portfolio.

- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Health and Safety for People at Work
- Healthy Living
- Food Processing and Cooking
- Healthier Foods and Special Diets
- Food Safety in Catering
- Personal Safety Awareness
- Personal Health and Lifestyle Awareness
- Developing Personal Safety and Security Skills
- Community Safety for Accredited Persons
- Road Passenger Vehicle Driving (Community Transport)
- Business and Administration
- Customer Service
- IT Users
- Security Key Holding and Alarm Response
- CCTV Operatives (Public Space Surveillance)
- Community Arts Management
- Preparation for Work
- Employability Skills
- Learning and Development
- Cleaning and Support Services
- Key Skills in Communication, Application of Number, ICT
- English for Speakers of Other Languages

Support materials

All of EDI's vocational qualifications are complemented by an extensive range of support materials. Upon registration, learners are issued with either a candidate pack or specification giving full details of the qualification. Centres registered with EDI are able to download support packs free of charge from the EDI website. In specific cases, such as technical certificates, the support packs include sample questions to give centres an idea of the type of questions that will be asked during the assessment. For particular qualifications, EDI provides extra guidance for tutors.

eNVQ - the total e-portfolio solution

eNVQ is the name of EDI's web-based electronic portfolio system which allows employers, candidates, assessors and verifiers to load evidence into a multimedia portfolio which can be accessed and managed remotely at any time of the day or night. eNVQ delivers qualifications in a cost-effective way and provides learners with secure online portfolios improving the efficiency, security and flexibility of assessment procedures.

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