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Welcome to a bumper edition of our newsletter. There is a lot going on in our sector areas. We hope you find this useful. The qualifications and EPA products covered in this Newsletter are used mainly in England.

Do keep in touch with us if you are interested in or need any help with any of the information, we would love to hear from you.



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1. Adult Care

The Apprenticeship Standards for both Adult Care Worker and Lead Adult Care Worker are currently being revised. This provides centres and employers with a unique opportunity to influence the content of the new Standards and the assessment plans.

Information about forthcoming Apprenticeship Standard consultations can be found on the IfATE website [HERE](#), but if you would like to receive more targeted information you can ask to be added to the consultation distribution list by emailing IFASubmission.CONULTATION@education.gov.uk

New Level 3 and Level 5 Adult Care qualifications and Apprenticeship starts ST0005/AP02 and ST0008/AP02

We were delighted to launch our new Level 3 3096-31 with the unit route 3096-91 and the 3096-51 Level 5 qualifications earlier this year. Thank you to everyone who helped us with these developments. These qualifications meet the required Skills for Care qualification specifications and have therefore been endorsed as fit for purpose for those working in relevant Level 3 and Level 5 roles within the sector.

Find the 3096 qualification handbooks at the link below.

[Adult Care \(England\) qualifications and training courses | City & Guilds \(cityandguilds.com\)](#)

Our new qualifications are now funded through the Skills for Care Workforce Development Fund, which can be found at the link below:

[WDF funded quals 2022-23 \(skillsforcare.org.uk\)](#)

Webinar on the new Adult Care Level 3 and 5 qualifications

We are hosting a webinar on 12 December at 1.30-3pm to as a reminder of our new qualification content. Book your place at the link below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3368789705330785040>

1.1. Mandatory Qualifications in Apprenticeships and ESFA Funding

We have worked with IfATE, Skills for Care and the ESFA to ensure that these qualifications are recognised as mandatory qualifications in the relevant apprenticeship standards.

Whilst this process has taken much longer than we would normally expect, centres may use the new **3096-31** Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care (England) **QN 61007894**, by selecting the Z-Prog option in the ILR, for apprenticeship starts, if the QN 61007894 does not appear.

If there is an error when using the QN, note the error code or take a screenshot and complete the [ESFA Enquiry Form](#)

Alternatively use:

Apprenticeship standard LARS Number **118**

Then use **Z Code Z0001881**

Centres should consult with their Data Manager for support.

The **3096-31** has already been approved for Adult Learner Loans and is now eligible for funding through the National Skills Funding – Skills for Jobs.

Centres should refer to our Funding Pages.

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/funding>

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/funding/adult-education-budget>

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/funding/training-provider>

1.2. **3096-51 Level 5 qualification**

Following a series of communications with stakeholders regarding the 3096-51 Level 5 Diploma in Leading and Managing an Adult Care Service (England), we have made the decision to **change the title** of this qualification to **Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care (England)**. This will ensure best fit with the current Leader in Adult Care Apprenticeship mandatory qualification. The QN 61009775 has not changed.

[Diploma in Leadership and Management for Adult Care \(England\) \(submit-learner-data.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Centres may use the Level 5 for their apprenticeship starts using the QN 61009775.

If there is an error when using the QN, note the error code or take a screenshot and complete the [ESFA Enquiry Form](#).

Alternatively use:

Apprenticeship standard LARS Number **537**

Then use Z Code **Z0001981**

Centres should consult with their Data Manager for support.

An application for the new 3096-51 qualification to attract funding for Adult Learner Loans is in process.

Now that we have our new qualifications live, we plan to close the qualifications below (please see table)

Level 3: Diploma in Care (3095-31)

Level 5: Diploma in Leadership and Management for Adult Care (3080-50)

Qualification registration end dates

Product Code	Qualification title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
3095-31/92	Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	<p>Close registrations on 31/01/2023</p> <p>Replaced by the NEW 3096-31/91</p> <p>New Cert end date will be 31/01/2026</p>
3080-50	L5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care (England)	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	<p>Close registrations on 31/01/2023</p> <p>Replaced by the NEW 3096-51</p> <p>L5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care (England)</p> <p>New Cert end date will be 31/01/2026</p>

1.3. 4222-34/84 Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care (England)

It is our understanding that Skills for Care is intending to undertake a review of the current Level 4 Diploma in Care within the next year.

Please keep an eye out for an initial **ONLINE** consultation from Skills for Care.

3095-21 Level 2 Diploma in Care

There are no current plans to review this Level 2 qualification. We are aware that there are some discussions happening at high level regarding the potential to redesign the Care Certificate as a regulated qualification. These discussions are led by the Department of Health & Social Care Workforce Team and are happening now. Having a Care Certificate qualification may impact on the future design of a level 2 qualification in Adult Care

Registration end dates for EPA products

Product Code	EPA Product title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
9040-12	L2 Adult Care Worker	31/12/2024	31/12/2026	No action
9042-12	L3 Lead Adult Care Worker	31/12/2024	31/12/2027	No action
9047-12	L4 Lead Practitioner in Adult Care	31/12/2025	31/12/2028	No action
9046-12	L5 Leader in Adult Care	31/12/2025	31/12/2028	No action

2. Healthcare

2.1. Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeships

The revised Apprenticeship Standards for the Healthcare Support Worker and Senior Healthcare Support Worker Standards are now live for starts and have been published on the IfATE website.

[Healthcare support worker / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

[Senior healthcare support worker / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

The current **4345-31 Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support** may be used as the mandatory qualification in the NEW Senior Healthcare Support Standard until the new qualification (4346-31 Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support) is available in Spring 2023.

2.2. New 4346-31 Level 3 Diploma Healthcare Support

We continue to work collaboratively with other Awarding Organisations and to ensure good alignment between the new qualification and the revised Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard we have collectively, via the Joint Awarding Body Quality Group, been liaising with the Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group, IfATE and Skills for Health.

As we enter the final stages of unit and qualification development, we would like to thank all of our subject matter experts and colleagues who have been working diligently over these past weeks and months.

We will update centres on the final structure and unit content of the qualification as soon as we can. The new qualification is expected to be available for registrations in Spring 2023. The actual date will be agreed by all Awarding Organisations.

We will need to close the current 4345-31 for registrations and we will do this once the new qualification has been added into the new senior healthcare apprenticeship standard. The Skills for Health Assessment Principles have recently been updated and can be found at the link below:

[Assessment-of-Competence-SfH-Assessment-Principles-v5-September-2022.pdf \(skillsforhealth.org.uk\)](#)

2.3. Healthcare EPA

We are currently preparing our business cases to develop the EPA products to support these standards at Level 2 and for Adult Nursing Support at Level 3. We hope to have further information soon. If you are intending to offer these EPA products through City & Guilds and would like to support the business cases, please contact geraldine.donworth@cityandguilds.com.

The **Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard** has also been revised. The new standard will need to be used for all new apprenticeship starts on or after 01

February 2023. The new standard includes a mandatory qualification; however, it is an integrated Foundation Degree, meaning that the Foundation Degree incorporates the End Point Assessment. We are therefore extending the 3576-05 Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare until an end registration date of 31/12/2023. We will also be extending the current 9576-12 EPA for Healthcare Assistant Practitioner to accommodate any learners wishing to complete the current EPA. City & Guilds are not able to offer the new version of the standard due to the integrated Foundation Degree requirement.

More information can be found on the IfATE website.

[Healthcare assistant practitioner / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

Registration end dates for EPA products

Product Code	EPA Product title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
9041-12	L2 Healthcare Support Worker	31/07/2024	31/07/2026	No action
9043-12	L3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker	31/12/2022	31/12/2026	Close registrations on 31/12/2022
9043-22	L3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	Extend end registration date to 31/12/2024
9576-12	L5 Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	30/04/2023	31/04/2026	Extend reg end date to 31/12/2025, then close

3. Dental Nursing

4238-12/4238-22 and Apprenticeship starts for ST0113/AP04 and ST0113/AP05

Following our recent communication last month, we would like to clarify how the Level 3 Extended Diplomas in Dental Nursing 4238-12, and the recently launched Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing 4238-22, relate to learner start dates for Version 3 (1.2) and Version 4 (1.3) of the Dental Nursing Integrated Apprenticeships.

Please refer to the table below to confirm the journey relevant to the learner's start date and **please take time to also update your R14 ILR return:**

Apprenticeship start date	Qualification	Which Version of Dental Nursing Integrated Apprenticeship Assessment Plan
Up to 31 July 2022	4238-12	ST0113/AP04 Version 3 (1.2)
From 01 August 2022	4238-22	ST0113/AP05 Version 4 (1.3)

Any centres with issues relating to this may contact centre support by email centresupport@cityandguilds.com or by phone 01924 4930800.

3.1. Clarification regarding First Aid qualifications and the 4238 suite of qualifications

We have had several queries relating to the evidence requirements for Unit 305 Recognising and supporting actions during first aid and medical emergencies.

There is provision for the RPL of an Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) or a First Aid at Work (FAW) certificate:

Learning Outcomes 3, 4 and 5 – minimum of one simulation. RPL can be used (EFAW/FAW training and assessment within 1 year of completion)

It should be remembered that Recognition of Prior Learning needs to be part of the assessment process and as such the assessor must carry this out and record their judgement in the assessment records.

When presented with either an FWA or EFAW certificate, the assessor needs to review the certificate to ensure it is authentic and valid.

The certificate should detail the content and learning objectives of the course, including whether or not simulations of the following were included and witnessed by either the assessor or Expert Witness:

- simulated CPR
- preparing an individual for use of a defibrillator
- placing an individual in the recovery position

This can be authenticated by an Expert Witness Testimony or a Professional Discussion.

3.2. 5-Day restriction between resits of the 4238 Evolve tests

We have introduced a restriction on taking resits for the 4238-03, -12 and -22 qualifications.

Centres must wait 5 days after the Evolve Test is taken before booking a resit or further resit.

We apologise that this has not been communicated earlier.

3.3. Closing the 4238-12 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing

As all new apprenticeship starts need to register on the 4238-22 Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing, the 4238-12 qualification will be closed for registrations on 31 January 2023. The certification end date will be 31 January 2026.

3.4. Events in plan

We are looking to share some dates for networks for the Dental Nursing qualifications and apprenticeships in the New Year. These are likely to be online. We are also planning a webinar with a theme around preparation of learners for synoptic tests.

Registration end dates for EPA products and Integrated Qualifications

Product Code	Product title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
9752-12	L3 Dental Nurse (EPA) AP01	31/12/2022	31/12/2025	Close registrations on 31/12/2022
9752-22	L3 Dental Nurse AP02	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	No action
4238-12	L3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing AP03	29/01/2024	29/01/2027	Close registrations on 31/01/2023 New end cert date

				31/01/2026
4238-22	L3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing AP05	31/12/2025	31/12/2028	No action

4. Children Young People and Families apprenticeship standards review

We are aware that the Level 3, 4 and 5 standards are at quite early stages of review. Unfortunately, we do not have any details at this time.

Please make sure you register for updates from IfATE using the link earlier in this newsletter.

5. Early Years

5.1. Level 3 EYE Full and Relevant Criteria

Please take the opportunity to complete the Department for Education consultation on the revision of the DfE Early Years Educator Qualification Criteria. The consultation can be found at the link below, and will be open until 23 January 2023

The consultation is live here: [Changes to the early years educator level 3 criteria - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-early-years-educator-level-3-criteria)

You are advised by DfE to read the Summary Report before completing the consultation itself. DfE has asked that if you have any views or questions on the consultation you write to EYELevel3Criteria.ConsultationResponses@education.gov.uk so they can keep responses properly recorded.

We anticipate that the final criteria will be published in Spring 2023, we will alert our customers when this happens and let you know the impact on our current 3605-03 qualification.

5.2. Early Years Educator Apprenticeship ST0135/AP04

The Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Standard is currently being revised. This provides centres and employers with a unique opportunity to influence the content of the new Standard and its assessment plan.

Our expectation currently is that the Standard will align with and map to the new Full and Relevant Criteria.

Registration end dates for Qualifications and EPA products

Product Code	Product title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
4228-02	L2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (England)	31/12/2025	31/12/2027	No action
9061-12	L2 Early Years Practitioner (EPA)	31/12/2024	31/12/2026	No action
3605-03	L3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	No action

	Years Educators) (Work based)			
9062-12	L3 Early Years Educator (EPA)	30/05/2023	31/05/2026	Extend to 2025

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IFASubmission.CONSULTATION@education.gov.uk.

Other Early Years and Childcare Qualifications

Product Code	Product title	Current reg end date	Current end cert date	Decision
4227-01	L2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	No action
4227-04	L3 Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce – Social care Pathway	31/12/2023	31/12/2026	No action
4227-11	L5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for the Children and Young People's Workforce - Early Years (Management)	31/12/2022	31/12/2025	Registrations will close on 31/12/2023 Qualification will not be replaced
4227-12	L5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for the Children and Young People's Workforce - Early Years (advanced Practice)	31/12/2022	31/12/2025	Registrations will close on 31/12/2023 Qualification will not be replaced

6. Associate Recruitment including SMEs

Are you a trainer, assessor or IQA who is looking for additional or alternative opportunities to support high quality delivery. Please visit our [Associate Vacancies pages](#) for further information, including our Independent End-Point Assessor Vacancies.

Are you interested in helping us to develop the next generation of new qualifications?

6.1. Employer involvement:

Keeping qualifications current and relevant is a cyclical process and as you can see from the information above there will be a lot happening during the rest of 2022, in 2023 and beyond.

One of the regulatory expectations for all Awarding Organisations is a requirement to demonstrate connections to and the involvement of employers in our qualification development process.

Our Employer Reference Groups are one of the main ways in which we try to achieve this, and we are always keen to hear from employers who would like to become involved.

If you think that some of the employers you work with would like to help us to shape the qualifications of the future, please ask them to express their interest by visiting the page below to register with us and to complete an Expression of Interest Form.

[Employer Contributors | City & Guilds Group Careers \(cityandguildsgroup.com\)](#)

6.2. Subject Matter Experts (SMEs):

We have a number of new developments that we hope to commence soon and so we are keen to hear from assessors, tutors, IQAs and others who would like to become SME consultants. We provide training and remuneration for all of those who we commission and so if you would like to know more, please do reach out to us on:

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Alternatively, you may apply directly via the [Associate Vacancies | City & Guilds Group Careers \(cityandguildsgroup.com\)](#) web page.

7. A Reminder – registrations and certifications

Centres must ensure that learners are registered on their chosen qualification prior to any formal assessment activity taking place. This is a City & Guilds requirement. Centres must also ensure that the learner's individual registration period is valid up to and including the date that the certificate is requested. It is best practice for learner registrations to be checked during centre internal quality assurance activities. Certificates should also be claimed prior to the end certification date for the qualification. These dates can be found on Walled Garden.

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