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Qualification Purpose

Qualification details

Qualification name	iCQ Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)
Qualification level	Level 3
Qualification number	600/7038/9

Qualification overview

Who this qualification is for

The purpose of this qualification is to enable you to progress within the health and social care sector. This qualification is appropriate for you if in your day-to-day work role you are working in a health and social care role.

This qualification will develop your skills, competence and knowledge of health and social care, and you will be assessed in the workplace. You must be 16 years and above to start this qualification. You do not need specific prior learning or qualifications to take this qualification.

Qualification coverage and design

This qualification is made up of units that will develop your skills, knowledge and understanding, needed to work in a health and social care role.

The qualification includes 3 pathways, which allow you to choose a vehicle that reflects your job role. You can choose from General, Dementia and Adults with Learning Disabilities.

Each pathway includes nine mandatory units and a range of optional units to choose from (to reflect your current and planned job role).

Mandatory unit details are below. Optional unit details can be found on the iCQ website www.icanqualify.co.uk.

Qualification coverage and design continued

This qualification is a QCF, vocational qualification. It has 315 to 447 guided learning hours (depending on the units you choose); you can expect a blend of learning activities including workplace learning, class based learning and independent learning and research. All learning (100%) should focus on developing your skills, knowledge and understanding of health and social care.

You should seek guidance and advice on the qualification content, assessment methods (and access to assessment), support available to you and how your needs can be met.

Alternative qualifications

This Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care qualification develops skills and knowledge in health and social care; the qualification is a component of the advanced apprenticeship. If you are seeking work in a health and social care role, an advanced apprenticeship may be the appropriate route for you.

If you are employed in a health and social care role, you may wish to take the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care as a standalone qualification, rather than as part of an apprenticeship. This may be because you are an adult seeking to gain recognition/develop your skills and knowledge, at an age when an apprenticeship is not appropriate to you. Or, if you are qualified (for example with the relevant English, Maths and ICT skills), or an experienced adult, and still intend to gain recognition for or develop your knowledge, skills and competence in health and social care at Level 3.

Alternatively, you or your employer, may have financial or time restrictions which mean taking all the components of an apprenticeship is not an option for you.

iCQ also offer a knowledge qualification, the iCQ Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care. This qualification is also an advanced apprenticeship component, and may be suitable for you if you wish to acquire knowledge before starting work in health and social care. It has fewer credits and guided learning hours than the Diploma (21 credits).

Alternatively, you may wish to specialise one of the following qualifications – each has fewer credits and guided learning hours than the Diploma:

- iCQ Level 3 Certificate in Working in End of Life Care (QCF) – 26 credits
- iCQ Level 3 Award In Awareness of End of Life Care (QCF) – 10 credits
- iCQ Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF) – 21 credits
- iCQ Level 3 Award in Awareness of Dementia (QCF) – 11 credits

Qualification detail

The mandatory units for each pathway are detailed below:

Qualification structure – mandatory units
Promote communication in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
Engage in personal development in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care
The role of the health and social care worker
Promote person centred approaches in health and social care
Promote and implement health and safety in health and social care
Promote good practice in handling information in health and social care settings

Employment and further learning opportunities

Employment opportunities
<p>This qualification is suitable for you if you are planning to start work in a range of job roles, or if you are seeking to progress within your current a job role. Relevant job roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Assistants/Support Workers (Community and Primary Care) • Healthcare Assistants/Support Workers • Key Workers (Residential Settings) • Care Workers • Care Home Managers

Progression to further learning

You may progress to an advanced apprenticeship and occupationally specific qualifications including (but not restricted to):

- Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social care
- Higher Apprenticeship in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young Peoples Services (Level 5)

- iCQ Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young Peoples Services (England) QCF

Who supports this qualification?

Organisations supporting this qualification

This qualification is supported by employers, including:

- Maria Care
- Nurse Plus
- Pine Lodge Home Care
- Portelet Lodge
- Rosewood and Brookhouse Ltd



Other details

Age restrictions	You should be aged 16 and above
Prior qualifications	You do not need specific prior learning or qualifications to take this qualification
Credit	You must achieve the 9 mandatory units; remaining credits must be selected from the optional units in your chosen pathway. A total of 58 credits must be achieved
Guided learning hours	315 - 447
Further information	Contact your training provider or employer. Alternatively email iCQ at support@icanqualify.co.uk