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Dear Sir / Madam,

In October, we outlined our approach to phasing in the new Health and Social Care, and Childcare qualifications over two years. Following feedback from the sector and centres across Wales, we have decided to move the start date for the **Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory qualification** from September 2019 to September 2020. The decision to defer this qualification has been made based on feedback which suggested it would be more practical to align the introduction of this qualification with the first teaching of the new GCE AS and A level in Health and Social Care and Child care qualifications.

We can confirm that in order to support centres and learners in Wales, NCFE CACHE will continue to provide their equivalent qualifications until the new qualification is introduced:-

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)
- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)

Qualification end dates will shortly be updated on QiW.

If your centre uses a qualification equivalent to the above but not listed, please let us know at [development@qualificationswales.org](mailto:development@qualificationswales.org).

As outlined in our previous letter, qualification reform of this scale is a major exercise where decisions relating to timelines for first teaching need to be treated with diligence and careful thought. Further information about the reforms, qualifications available, their purpose and any workforce regulations associated with them can be found at:

[www.qualificationswales.org](http://www.qualificationswales.org)

[www.healthandcarelearning.wales](http://www.healthandcarelearning.wales) (awarding body Consortium website)



[www.qiw.wales](http://www.qiw.wales) (qualifications in Wales database)

[www.socialcare.wales](http://www.socialcare.wales)

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with us at [development@qualificationswales.org](mailto:development@qualificationswales.org).

Yours sincerely,

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