

LEVEL 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England)

A 100% online, competence-based diploma for people working or volunteering in residential childcare, with full tutor support.

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UNITS

OVERVIEW

For people working, volunteering or on placement in residential childcare, such as residential care workers and short break carers supporting children and young people from birth to 25. It covers development, safeguarding, well-being and resilience, and positive relationships. Delivered 100% online.

WHO IS IT FOR?

For residential care workers, senior care workers, support workers and those moving into deputy or management roles. It forms the knowledge and competence element of the Children and Young People's Workforce Advanced Apprenticeship (residential childcare).

DURATION & DELIVERY

Study 100% online through BSA's Virtual Learning Environment with full tutor support. Take up to 12 months at your own pace, or fast-track in as little as 6 weeks.

ASSESSMENT & VERIFICATION

Every unit is internally assessed by BSA's qualified assessors and externally verified by NCFE.

- Portfolio of written assignments and reflective accounts
- Practical observations and witness testimony
- Submit work a month before the February or July sampling

PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Work, volunteer or be on placement in a residential childcare setting
- You must show competence in real practice
- Witness testimony is needed for some units

UNIT STRUCTURE

1. Understand the Development of Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
2. Understand How to Safeguard and Protect Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
3. Understand How to Support Children and Young People Who Have Experienced Harm or Abuse
4. Promote Effective Communication and Information Handling in Residential Childcare Settings
5. Support Risk Management in Residential Childcare
6. Assessment and Planning with Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
7. Support Group Living in Residential Childcare
8. Understand How to Support Positive Outcomes for Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
9. Support Attachment and Positive Relationships for Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
10. Support the Well-Being and Resilience of Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
11. Support Children and Young People in Residential Childcare to Achieve their Learning Potential
12. Support Children and Young People in Residential Childcare to Manage their Health
13. Support the Development of Socially Aware Behaviour with Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
14. Engage in Professional Development in Residential Childcare Settings
15. Support the Rights, Diversity and Equality of Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
16. Participate in Teams to Benefit Children and Young People in Residential Childcare
17. Understand the Care System and Its Impact on Children and Young People
18. Understand Residential Childcare for Children and Young People with Complex Disabilities or Conditions
19. Work with the Families of Children and Young People in Residential Childcare

CAREER PATHS

Relevant for roles such as senior care worker, deputy or assistant manager and registered residential childcare manager.

COURSE FACTS

Awarding body: **NCFE**

Qualification No.: [601/4852/4](#)

Level: **Level 3**

Regulator: **Ofqual**

Study mode: **100% online**

Minimum age: **18+**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 18+
- Working, volunteering or on placement in a residential childcare setting

PROGRESSION

On successful completion, learners can progress directly to:

- [Focus Awards Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools \(RQF\)](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools \(RQF\)](#)
- [NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare \(RQF\)](#)