

LEVEL 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare

A 100% online, knowledge-based route into childminding and home-based childcare, developed with PACEY.

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OVERVIEW

For people who want to work as a childminder or set up their own home-based childcare business. It covers child development, safety, effective childcare practice, and the legal, financial and registration requirements. Developed with the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) and delivered 100% online.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Ideal for childminding assistants, nannies, au pairs, and anyone who wants to start a childminding business.

DURATION & DELIVERY

Study 100% online through BSA's Virtual Learning Environment with full tutor support. Take up to 6 months at your own pace, or fast-track in as little as 4 weeks.

ASSESSMENT & VERIFICATION

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

- Two written assignments and work products
- No work placement required
- Submit work a month before the February or July sampling

CAREER PATHS

Prepares you to work as a childminder, childminding assistant, nanny or au pair, or to set up a home-based childcare business.

COURSE FACTS

Awarding body: NCFE

Qualification No.: [603/3642/0](#)

Level: Level 3

Regulator: Ofqual

Study mode: 100% online

Minimum age: 16+

UNIT STRUCTURE

- Preparing to Work as a Home Based Childcarer
- Preparing to Set Up a Home Based Childcare Business

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 16+
- No other specific entry requirements

PROGRESSION

Progress to a bachelor's degree in childcare or childhood education, or 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 Childcare and Education \(RQF\)](#)

→ [NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare \(England\) \(RQF\)](#)