



What is an NVQ?

NVQ stands for National Vocational Qualification. It is a competence-based qualification, which means you learn through practical, work-related tasks designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to do a job effectively.

NVQs are at 5 Different Levels 1 to 5 on the National Qualifications Framework. The framework shows how different types of qualifications compare, in terms of the demands they place on learners.

Foundation Level: For people with little or no experience with children. At college you will be given work placements to gain practical experience or as an apprentice you will train while you work.

Level 2: For those who are working under supervision such as a nursery assistant or playgroup assistant working with children under five or an assistant play worker in an out of school setting.

Level 3: For those who work on their own initiative, planning and organising their work and supervising others for example nursery nurse, playgroup leader, senior playworker or a childminder working in their own home.

Level 4: For experienced practitioners who carry out complex and non routine tasks such as a manager of an early years nursery or out of school setting or a development officer for local authority.

Level 5: For those working as senior managers and development officers perhaps working in a children's centre or leading a small authority play team, responding to operational issues.

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