

# JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

05 October 2021

To JNC Council Members  
MSO/TUSO

## JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL CIRCULAR NO. 34 (Revised) Nursery Assistants/Classroom Assistants in Educational Establishments – Qualifications Schedule

The Joint Secretaries of the Joint Negotiating Council for the Education Authority have agreed the following additions to the above Qualifications Schedule.

**Qualified to work as any Classroom Assistant in all Schools**

**Clarification on courses accepted:**

***Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools - Level 2 Certificate/Diploma (Level 2 Award is not acceptable)***

***Teaching Assistants - Level 2 Certificate (Level 2 Award/Diploma is not acceptable)***

***Deleted: Teaching and Learning in Schools Level 2 Certificate (duplication, title was Supporting Teaching and learning in Schools Level 2)***

**Qualified to work as any Classroom Assistant in only Nursery and Primary Schools**

**Qualified to work as any Nursery Assistant/ SEN Classroom Assistant in only Nursery Schools**

**Additional course to be added:**

***Learning and Teaching in Primary Years/E103 Open University***

Please destroy the appendix circulated with Circular No. 34 dated 30 August 2019 and substitute the attached appendix.

Queries in relation to this circular should be raised in the first instance with the following:

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Additional Support Needs, Supporting the Individual SQA HNC (Scottish Qualification Authority)		Y	Y			
Advanced Practice in Working with Children and Families BTEC Higher National Certificate / Diploma (HNC/D)		Y	Y			
Care BTEC National Diploma (OND)		Y		Y		
Care Practice BTEC Higher National Diploma/Certificate (HND/C)		Y		Y		
Caring Practice BTEC Higher National Diploma/Certificate (HND/C)		Y		Y		
Caring Services BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND)		Y		Y		
Caring Services BTEC National Diploma (OND)		Y		Y		
Caring Services (Nursery Nursing) BTEC National Certificate (OND)		Y	Y			
Childcare Level 5 Certificate, QQI/FETAC		Y			Y	

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Childcare (DCHSC). (Childcare & Early Education for Childcare Workers & Carers of Children with Special Needs) - Level 5, Major Award, QQI/FETAC		Y	Y			
Childcare (prior 2005) National Vocational Certificate Level 2, QQI/FETAC		Y			Y	
Childcare and Education Advanced Diploma		Y	Y			
Childcare and Education BTEC Higher National Certificate / Diploma (HNC/D)		Y	Y			
Childcare and Education Level 2 Diploma	Y		Y			
Childcare and Education Level 3 Diploma		Y	Y			
Childcare and Education NVQ 2	Y		Y			
Childcare and Education NVQ 3		Y	Y			
Childcare and Youth Worker Course (Fachschulabschluss) (Oberstufenzentrum, Berlin)		Y	Y			
Childhood Studies (Nursery Nursing) BTEC National Certificate/Diploma (ONC/D)		Y	Y			

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Children and Young Peoples Workforce Level 3 Diploma (England and Wales)		Y	Y			
Children's Care Learning and Development BTEC National Diploma (OND)		Y	Y			
Children's Care Learning and Development Level 2 Diploma	Y		Y			
Children's Care Learning and Development Level 3 Diploma		Y	Y			
Children's Care Learning and Development NVQ 2	Y		Y			
Children's Care Learning and Development NVQ 3		Y	Y			
Classroom Assistants Level 3 Certificate, CCEA		Y	Y			
Community Care (DCHCC) (Special Needs Assistant) National Vocational Certificate Level 5 - (QQI/FETAC)		Y	Y			
Early Childhood, Associate Degree in Applied Science Westchester Community College, New York, USA		Y	Y			
Early Childhood Care and Education Level 6 Advanced Certificate (QQI/FETA)					Y	

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Early Childhood, Care, Health and Education (Higher Certificate in Science) HETAC					Y	Y
Early Childhood Studies BA, QUB		Y	Y			
Early Childhood Studies BTEC Higher National Certificate / Diploma (HNC/D)		Y	Y			
Early Childhood Studies Foundation Degree (QUB)		Y	Y			
Early Education and Childcare SQA HNC (Scottish Qualification Authority- SQA)		Y	Y			
Early Years BTEC National Certificate/Diploma (ONC/D)		Y	Y			
Early Years Care and Education NVQ 2	Y		Y			
Early Years Care and Education NVQ 3		Y	Y			
Early Years Level 4 HPD (Higher Professional Diploma) (C&G)		Y	Y			
Early Years Practice Certificate/E100/505/C37 (Open University)		Y	Y			

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Early Years Practice Certificate/E111/C60 (Open University)		Y	Y			
Education Support Certificate (III) (Bremer Institute of TAFE, Queensland Australia)		Y	Y			
Education Studies and Special and Inclusive Needs, BA Degree Liverpool John Moores University		Y	Y			
Health & Social Care BTEC Extended National Diploma		Y		Y		
Health & Social Care BTEC National Diploma (OND)		Y		Y		
Health & Social Care GNVQ Advanced		Y		Y		
Health and Social Care AVCE		Y		Y		
Health and Social Care Level 4 BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC)		Y		Y		
Health and Social Care Level 5 BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND)		Y		Y		
Health Studies BTEC National Diploma (OND)		Y		Y		

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Learning and Teaching in Primary Years/E103 Open University					Y	Y
Montessori Education – Bachelor of Arts - (Level 7) (St Nicholas Montessori College, Ireland) (QQI)					Y	
Nursery Nursing BTEC Certificate/Diploma (ONC/D)		Y	Y			
Nursery Nursing NNEB Certificate		Y	Y			
Nursery Nursing NNEB Diploma		Y	Y			
Nursery Nursing NNEB Preliminary Diploma	Y		Y			
Personal Development Award/Classroom Assistant Award (Scottish Qualification Authority- SQA)	Y		Y			
Playwork & Transitional Award in Early Years NVQ Level 3 (City & Guilds)		Y			Y	
Post Qualifying Studies NNEB Diploma		Y	Y			
Pre-School Child Development and Practice Certificate or Diploma (Pre-School Learning Alliance)						

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Pre-School Practice Diploma (Pre-School Learning Alliance)	Y					Y
SEN/SRN/RSCN (Registered Nurse/Registered Sick Children's Nurse)		Y		Y		
Social Services Certificate or CQSW		Y		Y		
Social Work Diploma		Y		Y		
Special Needs and Education Studies BA Honours Degree, Liverpool Hope University		Y	Y			
Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in 'Schools Level 3 Diploma		Y	Y			
Supporting Learning in Primary Schools Certificate/C60 (Open University)		Y			Y	
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Level 2 Certificate/Diploma (Level 2 Award is not acceptable)	Y		Y			
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Level 3 Certificate/Diploma (Level 3 Award is not acceptable)		Y	Y			
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools NVQ 2	Y		Y			

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Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools NVQ Level 3		Y	Y			
Teaching/Classroom Assistants NVQ 3/SVQ 3		Y	Y			
Teaching Assistants Level 2 Certificate (Level 2 Award/Diploma is not acceptable)	Y		Y			
Teaching Assistants Level 3 Certificate (CCEA)		Y	Y			
Teaching qualification, in a nursery, special, primary or post-primary school, recognised by GTCNI (formerly DENI)		Y	Y			
Teaching/Classroom Assistants - NVQ 2/SVQ2	Y		Y			
Teaching/Classroom Assistants - NVQ 3/SVQ3		Y	Y			