

****Message on behalf of Skills for Care and Care Development East****

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO WDF FUNDED QUALIFICATIONS - please read with regard to QCF/RQF qualification claims

As a result of feedback from employers and WDF grant holders, we have updated the WDF funded qualifications and learning programmes list to include a number of additional RQF diplomas at levels 2, 3 and 4. Many employers signed learners up to these diplomas in the transition from the Qualification and Credits Framework (QCF) to the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) in 2017/18. A number of learners are now completing these qualifications and we understand that employers are frustrated that they are unable to claim these qualifications which they signed learners up to in good faith. The diplomas that have been added to the list are those which were transferred from the QCF to the RQF framework by awarding organisations during the transition and have the same Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN) as the QCF versions of the qualification. They have been highlighted orange on the attached list for ease of identification. When claiming the funding, please ensure that you check the qualification name on the learner's certificate. If QCF is included in the name of the qualification it is not possible to claim WDF as funding is not being made available for QCF qualifications. If the qualification name includes RQF or does not specify the framework the qualification can be claimed.

Please be aware that these RQF diplomas are being added for the remainder of 19/20 only, to enable affected employers to claim WDF. Most of these diplomas have now closed to registration for new learners but not all. We therefore advise that if learners are being registered onto diplomas from this point forward, they are registered onto the RQF diplomas which have been approved by Skills for Care. These diplomas are highlighted green on the funded qualifications and learning programmes list and are the ones which we expect to fund in future years if funding is made available by the Department of Health and Social Care.

We have also added 2 further qualifications to the [updated list](#) which are:

Level and type	Qualification title	Qualification number	Total Qualification Time (TQT) hours	Awarding Organisation	Funding Value
Level 2 Certificate	Understanding Autism	603/5139/1	200	ICQ	£300
Level 2 Award	Awareness Of Dementia	600/9121/6	80	OCN London	£120

If you have any query with regard to this information contact Skills for Care on information.team@skillsforcare.org.uk or call 0113 241 1275 or contact our office on 01449 720400.