

# JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

13 May 2011

**To: Chief Executives  
Council Members  
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## **JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL CIRCULAR NO. 34 (Revised)**

### **Nursery Assistants/Classroom Assistants in Educational Establishments**

The Joint Secretaries of the Joint Negotiating Council for the Education and Library Boards have agreed the following additions to the Classroom Assistant Qualifications Schedule:-

*Qualifications to be included in the Circular:*

*Qualified Status in all Schools*

HNC Early Education and Childcare – Scottish Qualifications Authority

Foundation Degree, Early Childhood Studies – Stranmillis, Belfast

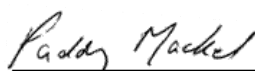
Please destroy the appendix circulated with Circular No. 34 dated 2 November 2010 and substitute the attached appendix.

Queries in relation to this circular should be addressed in the first instance to the Human Resources Section in your particular Board:

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## CLASSROOM ASSISTANT QUALIFICATIONS SCHEDULE

COURSES OFFERING QUALIFIED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS IN ALL SCHOOLS

Previous Course Title	Current Course Title	Awarding Body
	National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development	Edexcel
NVQ 3 Early Years Care and Education; NVQ 3 Childcare and Education	NVQ 3 Children's Care Learning and Development	CACHE, City & Guilds, BTEC, Edexcel,
NNEB Certificate in Nursery Nursing; NNEB Diploma in Nursery Nursing	Diploma in Child Care and Education	CACHE, City & Guilds,
NNEB Diploma in Post Qualifying Studies	Advanced Diploma in Child Care and Education	CACHE, City & Guilds,
BTEC Nursery Nursing Certificate/Diploma; BTEC National Certificate Caring Services (Nursery Nursing); BTEC National Certificate/Diploma in Childhood Studies (Nursery Nursing)	BTEC National Certificate/Diploma in Early Years	BTEC, Edexcel
BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma in Early Childhood Studies HNC/HND Child Care and Education	HNC/HND Advanced Practice in Working with Children and Families	BTEC
	HNC Early Education and Childcare	Scottish Qualifications Authority
	Teaching qualification, in a nursery, special, primary or post-primary school, approved by the Teacher Training Institution, formerly DENI	
	Foundation Degree, Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis, Belfast
	BA Early Childhood Studies	Queen's University
	NVQ 3/SVQ 3 Teaching/Classroom Assistants	CACHE, City & Guilds, Edexcel, OCR

Certificate in Early Years Practice	Revised C37 Certificate in Early Years Practice	Open University
	Level 3 Certificate for Teaching Assistants	CCEA
	NVQ Level 3 – Support Teaching and Learning in Schools	City & Guilds
	BA Honours Degree in Special Needs and Education Studies	Liverpool Hope University
	National Vocational Certificate Level 5 Community Care (DCHCC) – (Special Needs Assistant)	FETAC
	NVQ Level 3 in Children’s Care, Learning and Development	EDI
	Certificate (iii) in Education Support	Bremer Institute of TAFE, Queensland, Australia

**ADDITIONAL COURSES OFFERING QUALIFIED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS WORKING IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS/CLASSES OR WITH STATEMENTED CHILDREN**

<b>Previous Course Title</b>	<b>Current Course Title</b>	<b>Awarding Body</b>
Certificate in Social Services or CQSW	Diploma in Social Work	CCETSW
BTEC HND in Caring Services	BTEC HND/C in Care Practice	BTEC, Edexcel
AVCE Health and Social Care; GNVQ Advanced Health & Social Care; BTEC National Diploma in Health Studies; BTEC National Diploma in Care; BTEC National Diploma in Caring Services	BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care	BTEC
BTEC HNC/HND in Caring Practice; BTEC HND in Caring Services	BTEC HND in Health and Social Care	BTEC
	SEN/SRN/RSCN (Registered Nurse/Registered Sick Children’s Nurse)	UKCC, National Board for Nursing, Midwifery & Health Visiting

**COURSES OFFERING QUALIFIED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS IN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS ONLY**

Previous Course Title	Current Course Title	Awarding Body
	NVQ Level 3 Playwork (City & Guilds) & Transitional Award in Early Years	City & Guilds
	Certificate in Supporting Learning in Primary Schools (C60)	Open University
	Level 5 Certificate in Childcare	FETAC

**COURSES OFFERING RECOGNISED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS IN ALL SCHOOLS**

Previous Course Title	Current Course Title	Awarding Body
NVQ 2 Early Years Care and Education NVQ 2 Childcare and Education	NVQ 2 Children's Care, Learning and Development	CACHE, City & Guilds, BTEC, Edexcel,
NNEB Preliminary Diploma in Nursery Nursing	Cache level 2 Certificate in Child Care and Education	CACHE/ incorporating CEYA & NNEB
	NVQ 2/SVQ2 Teaching/Classroom Assistants	CACHE, City & Guilds, Edexcel, OCR
	Level 2 Certificate for Teaching Assistants	CCEA
	NVQ Level 2 – Support Teaching and Learning in Schools	City & Guilds
	Personal Development Award/Classroom Assistant Award	South Lanarkshire Council
	NVQ Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development	EDI

**COURSES OFFERING RECOGNISED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS WORKING IN NURSERY SCHOOLS/CLASSES ONLY**

Previous Course Title	Current Course Title	Awarding Body
Certificate or Diploma in Pre-School Child Development and Practice	Diploma in Pre-School Practice	Pre School Learning Alliance