

JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

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**To: Chief Executives
Council Members
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JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL CIRCULAR NO. 5 (Revision refers to former AECPT Circular No. 442)

Nursery Assistants/Classroom Assistants in Educational Establishments

The Joint Secretaries of the Joint Negotiating Council for the Education and Library Boards have agreed the revised Classroom Assistant Qualifications Schedule. This schedule incorporates the following amendments:-

Courses Offering Qualified Status to Classroom Assistants in All Schools

The qualification previously known as NVQ III Child Care and Education has been renamed and is now known as NVQ III Early Years Care and Education. It should be noted that the NVQ III in Child Care and Education will continue to be valid in its own right and has not been devalued by the new title.

The teaching qualification approved by the Teacher Training Institution, formerly DENI, has been amended to read "Teaching qualification, in a nursery, special, primary or post primary school, approved by the Teaching Training Institution, formerly DENI.

Courses Offering 'Pre-Recognition Status' To Classroom Assistants in All Schools

The new status termed "Pre-recognition" which was introduced until 30 June 1998 to deal with the backlog of candidates awaiting N V Q assessment has now been withdrawn.

Additional Courses Offering Qualified Status to Classroom Assistants Working In Special Schools/Classes or with Statemented Children

The following courses, which were valid only until the 30 June 1998, have now been deleted:-

BTEC National Certificate in Caring Services
BTEC National Diploma in Caring Services
Preliminary Certificate in Social Care

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Courses Offering Recognised Status to Classroom Assistants in All Schools

The qualification previously known as NVQ II Child Care and Education has been renamed and is now known as NVQ II Early Years Care and Education. It should be noted that the NVQ II in Child Care and Education will continue to be valid in its own right and has not been devalued by the new title.

The following course, which was valid only until 30 June 1998, has now been deleted:-

City & Guilds 324/1 Caring for Young Children

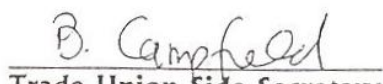
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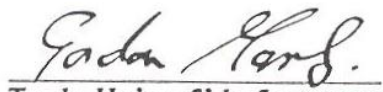
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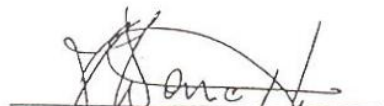
A E C P & T Council Circular No. 361 granted "qualified" and "recognised" status to certain courses. Any person already awarded "qualified" or "recognised" status under this Circular, or any person who had begun a course of study, prior to the changes announced in the March 1995 interim bulletin and is subsequently appointed should be granted the appropriate status and paid accordingly.

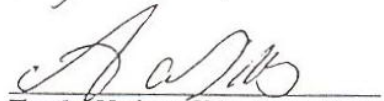
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CLASSROOM ASSISTANT QUALIFICATIONS SCHEDULE

COURSES OFFERING QUALIFIED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS IN ALL SCHOOLS

| PREVIOUS COURSE TITLE | CURRENT COURSE TITLE | AWARDING BODY |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| NVQ III Child Care and Education | NVQ III Early Years Care and Education | CACHE, City & Guilds, CCETSW |
| NNEB Diploma in Nursery Nursing | Diploma in Child Care and Education | CACHE, City & Guilds, CCETSW |
| NNEB Diploma in Post Qualifying Studies | Advanced Diploma in Child Care and Education | CACHE, City & Guilds, CCETSW |
| BTEC Nursery Nursing Certificate | BTEC National Certificate in Childhood Studies (Nursery Nursing) | BTEC |
| BTEC Nursery Nursing Diploma | BTEC National Diploma in Childhood Studies (Nursery Nursing) | BTEC |
| | Teaching qualification, in a nursery, special, primary or post-primary school, approved by the Teacher Training Institution, formerly DENI | |

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

| PREVIOUS COURSE TITLE | CURRENT COURSE TITLE | AWARDING BODY |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Certificate in Social Services or CQSW | Diploma in Social Work | CCETSW |

COURSES OFFERING RECOGNISED STATUS TO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS IN ALL SCHOOLS

| PREVIOUS COURSE TITLE | CURRENT COURSE TITLE | AWARDING BODY |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| NVQ II Child Care and Education | NVQ II Early Years Care and Education | CACHE, City & Guilds, CCETSW |
| NNEB Preliminary Diploma in Nursery Nursing | NNEB Certificate in Child Care and Education | CACHE/ incorporating CEYA & NNEB |

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 | UUJ |