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| **Notes on the list of accepted qualifications for home-based educators** | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Required qualifications are: | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ·         A ‘grand-parented’ Level 3 ECE qualification. (This means it must be completed prior to 1 January 2022) | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ·         A Level 4 or higher ECE qualification. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ·         A primary teaching qualification. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ·         Te Ara Tuarua (the Level 5 kōhanga reo qualification) or higher (Tohu Whakapakari). | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Note that the qualifications are listed against the organisation that developed the qualification - there may have been many organisations accredited to deliver the programme. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Using the qualification number is the best way to check your specific qualification. It may also be helpful to search the database on NZQA's website for this information. Only completed qualifications are accepted. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The table listing ‘Accepted qualifications’ shows the lower level qualifications that have been deemed to meet the standard required. A full list of teaching qualifications has not been provided in this document, as these are numerous but generally easily recognisable by their title. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Where it is not clear from the qualification name, you must keep evidence to show that it has an early childhood focus, or is a primary teaching qualification. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The table listing ‘Declined qualifications’ shows qualifications that have been submitted for assessment, and deemed not to meet the standard required. Remember to look here as well, if you can't find your qualification on the ‘Accepted qualifications’ list. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |

**Accepted qualifications**

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| **Level 4 ECE qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) | 2850 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| Certificate in Introduction to Early Childhood Education | AK1030 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Current | Auckland University of Technology |  |
| New Zealand Certificate in a Māori World View of Early Learning | 2856 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| King's Education Certificate in New Zealand Early Childhood Education Orientation | 112621 | Certificate | 4 | 40 | Discontinued | King's Education Limited |  |
| Certificate in Maori Early Childhood Studies | AI2002 | Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | Te Wananga o Aotearoa |  |
| Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten & Early Childhood (Foundation) | PC2023 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Discontinued | Taruna College |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | 109164 | Certificate | 4 | 62 | Discontinued | Workforce Development Limited |  |
| National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Level 4) | 1269 | National Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | NZQA National Qualifications Services |  |
| Certificate in Preparation for Early Childhood Teacher Education (Level 4) | 2410 | Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | Manukau Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| MIT Certificate in Preparation for Early Childhood Teacher Education (Level 4) | MN4500 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Discontinued | Manukau Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Practice (Level 4) | OP4310 | Certificate | 4 | 40 | Discontinued | Open Polytechnic |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) | PC5549 | Certificate | 4 | 62/63 | Discontinued | Workforce Development Limited |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Introduction) | PC9598 | Certificate | 4 | 50 | Discontinued | New Zealand Tertiary College Limited |  |
| Aoga Amata i Aotearoa Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Level 4) | PC9619 | Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | Pacific Training Institute |  |
| Certificate in Childcare | AO3100 | Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | Aoraki Polytechnic |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education - Te Pihiora | TA4943 | Certificate | 4 | 120 | Discontinued | Eastern Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Education (Parenting - Young Children) | AK3695 | Certificate | 4 | 60 | Discontinued | Auckland University of Technology |  |
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| **Level 5 ECE qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| Certificate in Early Years Education | MY6043 | Certificate | 5 | 90 | Current | Massey University |  |
| Certificate in Education | AK1275 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Current | Auckland University of Technology |  |
| Heke Whakaakoranga Kōhungahunga (Level 5) | 111013 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Current | Te Wananga o Raukawa |  |

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| **Level 5 ECE qualifications continued** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| New Zealand Diploma in a Maori World View of Early Learning (Level 5) | 2857 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) | 2851 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| Aoga Amata Diploma in Early Childhood Education | PC1754 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Aoga Fa'afaia'oga o A'oga Amata (ECE Training Institute) Incorporated |  |
| Aperfield Montessori Diploma in Early Childhood Education | 100958 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Aperfield Montessori Trust |  |
| Aperfield Montessori Diploma in Early Childhood Education | 8941 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Aperfield Montessori Trust |  |
| Aperfield Montessori Diploma in Early Childhood Education | PC9403 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Aperfield Montessori Trust |  |
| Certificate in Childcare (Level 5) | OP5420 | Certificate | 5 | 63 | Discontinued | Open Polytechnic |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | CA2282a | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Unitec New Zealand Limited |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | WK2383 | Certificate | 5 | 100 | Discontinued | Waikato Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | PC9774 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | New Zealand Tertiary College Limited |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Level 5) | WK2568 | Certificate | 5 | 100 | Discontinued | Waikato Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Level 5) | OP5421 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Open Polytechnic |  |
| Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten & Early Childhood (Advanced) | PC2024 | Certificate | 5 | 60 | Discontinued | Taruna College |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education | 3374 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Education | 3376 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Education | PR4911 | Diploma | 5 | 260 | Discontinued | Whitireia Community Polytechnic Ltd |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Education | WR3009 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Waiariki Institute of Technology |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Education | 110016 | Diploma | 5 | 121 | Discontinued | New Zealand Career College |  |
| Diploma in Early Childhood Education | CN0904 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | University of Canterbury |  |
| Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education | PC9443 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Taruna College |  |
| Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) | CA2282 | Diploma | 5 | 360 | Discontinued | Unitec New Zealand Limited |  |
| Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) | VI00O9 | Diploma | 5 | 360 | Discontinued | Victoria University of Wellington |  |
| Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) | 3394 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Whāriki Papatipu | VI00Q2 | Diploma | 5 | 360 | Discontinued | Victoria University of Wellington |  |
| Diploma of Teaching (ECE) | WGES02 | Diploma | 5 | 180 | Discontinued | Victoria University of Wellington |  |
| Diploma of Teaching (ECE) Year 3 | PC1356 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | New Zealand College of Early Childhood Education (OLD) |  |
| Higher Diploma of Teaching | DEQQHD | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Dunedin College of Education |  |
| Higher Diploma of Teaching | OO0457 | Diploma | 5 | 105 | Discontinued | University of Otago |  |
| National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) | 0430 | National Certificate | 5 | 122 | Discontinued | NZQA National Qualifications Services |  |
| New Zealand Certificate in Nanny Education | 109540 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Nanny Education Organisation of New Zealand |  |
| New Zealand Certificate in Nanny Education | PC9101 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Ashton Warner Nanny Academy |  |
| New Zealand Certificate in Nanny Education | WK2273 | Diploma | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Waikato Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| New Zealand Natonal Nanny Certificate | 100850 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Discontinued | Nanny Education Organisation of New Zealand |  |
| REAP Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care | PC1992 | Diploma | 5 | 240 | Discontinued | Eastbay REAP |  |
| The Nanny Centre (NZ) Certificate in Childcare, Education and Home Management | 109272 | Certificate | 5 | 153 | Discontinued | ATC New Zealand |  |
| The Nanny Centre Certificate in Childcare, Education and Home Management (Level 5) (including National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) | PC9673 | Diploma | 5 | 148 | Discontinued | The Nanny Centre |  |
| The Open Polytechnic of NZ Certificate in Early Childhood | OP5423 | Certificate | 5 | 80 | Discontinued | Open Polytechnic |  |
| Te Ara Tuarua Mo Te Reo Maori | PC1954 | Certificate | 5 | 120 | Expiring | Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board |  |
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| **Level 6 ECE qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| New Zealand Diploma in a Maori World View of Early Learning (Level 6) | 2858 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care | 2852 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| AMI 3-6 Diploma in Montessori Education | 111434 | Diploma | 6 | 123 | Discontinued | Maria Montessori Education Foundation |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Teaching | PC2773 | Certificate | 6 | 240 | Discontinued | New Zealand Tertiary College Limited |  |
| Certificate in Infant and Toddler Care and Education | CE1049 | Certificate | 6 | 70 | Discontinued | University of Canterbury College of Education |  |
| DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD GROUP EDUCATION & CARE | HB3780 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Discontinued | Eastern Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| Diploma of Teaching - Early Childhood | WGEE03 | Diploma | 6 | 360 | Discontinued | Victoria University of Wellington |  |
| Early Childhood Teachers Diploma | 102110 | Diploma | 6 | 72 | Discontinued | New Zealand Tertiary College Limited |  |
| MIT Diploma of Teaching Early Childhood Education | MN4307 | Diploma | 6 | 360 | Discontinued | Manukau Institute of Technology Ltd |  |
| National Diploma in Early Childhood Group Education and Care | ND5196 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Discontinued | Auckland University of Technology |  |
| Playcentre Diploma in Early Childhood and Adult Education | PC9565 | Diploma | 6 | 190 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education |  |
| PORSE Diploma in Play Education | 109271 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Discontinued | PORSE Education & Training (NZ) Ltd |  |
| Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten & Early Childhood Diploma | 102312 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Discontinued | Taruna College |  |
| Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten and Early Childhood Diploma | PC9275 | Diploma | 6 | 120 | Discontinued | Taruna College |  |
| Te Waoku (Te Pokairua Mahita Kura) | NT4576 | Diploma | 6 | 360 | Discontinued | Northland Polytechnic Ltd |  |
| The Playcentre Education Diploma | 103787 | Diploma | 6 | 185 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education |  |
| WITT Diploma of Teaching Early Childhood Education | TK9802 | Diploma | 6 | 360 | Discontinued | Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Ltd |  |
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| **Level 7 ECE qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| AMI 3-6 Diploma in Montessori Education (Level 7) | 3745 | Diploma | 7 | 123 | Current | Maria Montessori Education Foundation |  |
| Whakapakari Tino Rangatiratanga | PC1699 | Diploma | 7 | 360 | Current | Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board |  |
| Graduate Certificate in Infant and Toddler Wellbeing and Learning (Level 7) | 3177 | Graduate Certificate | 7 | 60 | Current | Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand Incorporated |  |
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| **Level 8 ECE qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) | 113800 | Postgraduate Diploma | 8 | 120 | Current | New Zealand Tertiary College Limited |  |
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| Postgraduate certificates and diplomas in Education or Teaching may be accepted with clear evidence of ECE content. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Teaching qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Zealand early childhood and primary teaching qualifications will be accepted, including kindergarten teaching qualifications. Where it is not clear from the title of the qualification what level in the education system it relates to, then evidence (such as a transcript) should be retained to show the study was ECE or primary focused (including Māori medium teaching qualifications at these levels). | | | | | | | |
| Overseas teaching qualifications will be accepted if they have NZQA recognition as equivalent to a NZ ECE or primary teaching qualification. | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **Higher level qualifications** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Masters and Doctorate level qualifications will be accepted if clear evidence of early childhood content is provided. | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Other qualifications deemed acceptable** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| NZ Certificate in Family Day Care: Caregivers | NC5222 | Certificate | NS | 63 | Discontinued | Barnardos | Note that the full qualification must be completed - not just the introductory module that was accepted in the past |
| New Zealand Certificate in Family Day Care: Caregiver | WK2359 | Certificate | NS | 96 | Discontinued | Waikato Institute of Technology Ltd |  |

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| **Level 3 ECE qualifications - must be completed prior to 1 January 2022** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| New Zealand Certificate in a Maori World View of Early Learning (Level 3) | 2855 | Certificate | 3 | 60 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) | 2849 | Certificate | 3 | 60 | Current | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |  |
| Aoga Amata Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Tusi Pasi o Aoga Amata) | PC1273 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Aoga Fa'afaia'oga o A'oga Amata (ECE Training Institute) Incorporated |  |
| Ashton Warner Certificate in Nanny Education | PC1211 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Ashton Warner Nanny Academy |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | VAL7502b | Certificate | 3 | 66 | Discontinued | Ignite Colleges |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | MA4233 | Certificate | 3 | 63/64 | Discontinued | Universal College of Learning (UCOL) Limited |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education | PC1717 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | KAAT Trust |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Introductory) | PR4824 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Whitireia Community Polytechnic Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care - Level 3 | MA4124 | Certificate | 3 | 70 | Discontinued | Universal College of Learning (UCOL) Limited |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Out of School Care | 113797 | Certificate | 3 | 124 | Discontinued | New Zealand Career College |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Studies (Level 3) | 3148 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Ara Institute of Canterbury Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Studies (Level 3) | 3104 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Otago Polytechnic Ltd |  |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Studies (Level 3) | AO3263 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Aoraki Polytechnic |  |
| Certificate in Introduction to Early Childhood Education | AK3466 | Certificate | 3 | 60 | Discontinued | Auckland University of Technology |  |
| Eastbay REAP Certificate in Early Childhood (Teacher Aide) | PC9641 | Certificate | 3 | 108 | Discontinued | Eastbay REAP |  |
| Nanny Centre Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care | PC1147 | Certificate | 3 | 86 | Discontinued | ATC New Zealand |  |
| National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care - Level 3 | NC0403 | Certificate | 3 | 62 | Discontinued | Training For You Limited |  |
| National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) | 0403 | National Certificate | 3 | 63 | Discontinued | NZQA National Qualifications Services |  |
| Tusi Pasi O Aoga Amata Certificate in Early Childhood Education | PC9620 | Certificate | 3 | 120 | Discontinued | Pacific Training Institute |  |
| Wellington Nannies College Certificate in Early Childhood Education | PC9083 | Certificate | 3 | 64 | Discontinued | New Zealand Career College |  |
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| **Qualification not accepted** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title** | **Number** | **Type** | **Level** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Qfn Developer** | **Comment** |
| Playcentre Course 2: The Playcentre Way |  |  | 4 | 10 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
| Playcentre Course 3: Playcentre Sessions |  |  | 4 | 20 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
| Playcentre Course 4: Playcentre Practice |  |  | 5 | 30 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
| Playcentre Course 5: Playcentre in Context |  |  | 5 | 45 | Discontinued | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
| Playcentre Introductory Award |  |  | 4 | 10 | Current | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
| Playcentre Educator Award |  |  | 4 | 20 | Current | Playcentre Education | Not a complete qualification |
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**Declined qualifications**