

BIIAB

Name of Regulated Qualification: BIIAB Level 3 Award In Awareness of End of Life Care (QCF)

Level: 3

Ofqual Qualification accreditation number: 601/6134/6

Minimum credits (Size): 10

BIIAB qualification code: AAELC

Overview

What is the main (primary) purpose of this qualification?

- To confirm your occupational competence in a specific role

What other purposes does the qualification serve?

- To provide the stepping stone to progress to the next level of vocational learning

What job role will it help me enter?

It will provide you with the knowledge to work in a variety of job roles within the Health and Social Care sectors where you may be providing end of life care.

Examples of the Health and Social care job roles that may require knowledge of end of life care include:

- Care Assistant/Worker
- Adult Social Care Relief Team Worker
- Night Care Assistant
- Support Worker (supported living)
- Key Workers in residential/domiciliary/day care settings
- Palliative Care Hospice Worker
- Home Care Support Worker
- Re-enablement Worker
- Healthcare Support Service Worker
- Clinical Healthcare Support Worker
- Healthcare Assistant
- Counsellor
- Bereavement Support Worker

Who is it for?

This qualification is for learners who ideally have already achieved a Level 2 qualification in health and social care and are looking to further develop their knowledge. This could include workers in hospices, care homes, care in the community and primary care. As such, it is a qualification for experienced care workers, or those training to become care workers, who specifically need understanding in this area and at this level.

How will the qualification meet its purpose?

In 2012 a range of national end of life qualifications was developed by Skills for Care in conjunction with employers, learning providers, awarding organisations and people who use services. This was a direct response to the publication of the National End of Life strategy in 2008 and the subsequent framework for social care published by the National End of Life Care Programme in 2010. This level 3 qualification provides you with a thorough understanding of end of life care. It covers the aims, principles and policies of end of life care, communication factors, accessing support services, current approaches to end of life care, understanding how to identify symptoms and support those involved in end of life care.

Is this qualification at the right level for me?

You should do a qualification at this level (level 3) if you feel you can:

- identify and use relevant understanding, methods and skills to complete tasks and address problems that, while well defined, have a measure of complexity.
- take responsibility for initiating and completing tasks and procedures as well as exercising autonomy and judgment within limited parameters.
- be aware of different perspectives or approaches within an area of study or work
- manage others.

If you feel that you are able to do some of the above but not all (eg perhaps you may not feel ready to assume responsibility for tasks/manage others) you should consider undertaking a level 2 qualification.

If you feel that this may be too easy for you (eg perhaps you already manage other team members), you could look to do a higher level qualification such as the BIIAB Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Management (QCF).

Is this qualification in an apprenticeship?

No.

How long will this qualification take me?

The qualification requires 89 Guided Learning Hours (the number of hours where you will be given guidance, usually by a tutor, in order to achieve the outcomes) and approximately 100 hours in total (1 credit is roughly equivalent to 10 hours of learning time). Some people learn more quickly or are more experienced than others so it may take you more or less time than 100 hours to achieve this qualification.

Is this the right size qualification for me?

- You should do this Award size qualification if you need or want to undertake 89 hours of guided learning
- If you feel this is far too much at this time you could consider focussing on selecting units from this qualification instead

Are there any requirements to do this qualification?

- Ideally, you will be an experienced care worker/similar, or training to become a care worker/similar, with a specific need to understand end of life care
- Ideally, you should have already achieved a Level 2 qualification in health and social care
- You should have the ability to achieve the qualification (after learning and training).

At what age can I take this qualification?

This qualification is suitable for learners who are aged 16+.

What does this qualification cover?

Overall: Knowledge and understanding about end of life care.

Mandatory units: You will be assessed on the following areas:

- Understand how to work in end of life care
- Understand how to provide support when working in end of life care
- Understand how to support individuals during the last days of life

Framework: This qualification is accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification shows you have level 3 knowledge about end of life care which is important for a wide range of health/social care job roles. It may help you to get a job, to improve your performance at work or get promoted.

If, upon completion, you wish to proceed to a higher level of learning then the following qualifications may be suitable for you:

- BIIAB Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Management (QCF).
- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following employers/training providers:

- Aberdeen Cyrenians
- Alcohol Support Ltd
- Alexander Scott Hospital
- Deveron Care Concern
- Elder Homes Ltd
- Hetton Home Care Services
- JTJ Workplace Solutions Limited
- Release Potential Ltd
- Richmond Training Academy
- Starcare Ltd
- Sue Ryder
- Transition Care Ltd

These letters of support are available [here](#).

Official Regulated Purpose (for centre use):

Ofqual Purpose B. Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

Ofqual Sub Purpose B2. Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area