DCEDIY Early Years Recognised Qualifications List of Early Years qualifications recognised for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and DCEDIY¹ Childcare Programme Contracts.

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Ireland: Further Education Awards

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Early Childhood Care and Education	Various Training Providers	QQI	5M2009	Yes	No	No	Certificates may indicate FETAC as awarding body up to 2012.
Early Childhood Care and Education	Various Training Providers	QQI	6M2007	Yes	Yes	No	Certificates may indicate FETAC as awarding body up to 2012.
Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care	Various Education and Training Providers	QQI	5M21473	Yes	No	No	
Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care	Various Education and Training Providers	QQI	6M21471	Yes	Yes	No	
Childcare Supervision / Childcare Supervisor / Supervision in Childcare	Various Training Providers	FETAC	930306 / DCXXX	Yes	Yes	No	Legacy awards (became 6M2007)
Childcare	Various Training Providers	FETAC	920505 / DCHSC	Yes	No	No	Legacy awards (became 5M2009)
School Age Childcare	Various Training Providers	FETAC	DSACX	Yes	No	No	
Childcare (Level 2)	Various Training Providers	NCVA		Yes	No	No	Legacy Award. Certificate may be FETAC / NCVA or FÁS, which is also acceptable. NB: Level 2 under old awards framework is equivalent to L5 on current NFQ.
Supervision in Childcare (Level 3)	Various Training Providers	NCVA		Yes	Yes	No	Legacy Award. Certificate may be FETAC / NCVA or FÁS, which is also acceptable. NB: Level 3 under old awards framework is equivalent to L6 on current NFQ.
Certificate in Caring for Children (0-7 years)	Various Training Providers	City & Guilds		Yes	No	No	
Advanced Certificate in Playgroup Practice	Various Training Providers	NCFE		Yes	No	No	NCFE is a UK awarding body; this course was available through various education providers in Ireland. This is Level 3 in the UK, equivalent to L5 in Irish NFQ.
Advanced Certificate in Playwork	Various Training Providers	NCFE		Yes	No	No	NCFE is a UK awarding body; this course was available through various education providers in Ireland. This is Level 3 in the UK, equivalent to L5 in Irish NFQ.
NNEB Childcare Diploma	Various Training Providers	NNEB		Yes	Yes	No	NNEB (National Nursery Education Board) was a UK awarding body, this award was available through Irish education providers also
Montessori FETAC awards: Suite of 6 Level 6 Montessori FETAC Components (2010 and pre-2010).	Various Training Providers	FETAC		Yes	Yes	No	Montessori awards completed 2010 or earlier are acceptable with 6 FETAC components: Montessori Culture, Montessori Language, Montessori Mathematics, Practical Life Exercises, Sensorial Life Exercises, Montessori Theory & Practice. The FETAC component certificate must be in evidence.
National Certificate in Social Studies in Pre School Care	Various Training Providers	National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA)		Yes	Yes	No	
Certificate in Community and Child Care	City of Dublin VEC	CDVEC		Yes	No	No	
PLC in Childcare Studies	City of Dublin VEC	CDVEC		Yes	No	No	

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Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Certificate in Childcare 2	FÁS			Yes	No	No	
Steiner Waldorf Teacher Training	Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association (ISKA)			Yes	Yes	No	Qualification accepted as a legacy award by DCEDIY as meeting the requirements for role of Lead Educator.
Community Health Services (Classroom SNA)	Killester College of Further Education or Plunkett College of Further Education	QQI	5M4468	See comments	No	No	QQI L5 Community Health Services award as delivered by Killester or Plunkett CFE in 2016 and before meets the minimum requirements for work in the Early Years sector. Community Health Services (Classroom SNA) courses completed elsewhere are not accepted.
Montessori Diploma	Killester College of Further Education	CDVEC		Yes	Yes	No	
Montessori Diploma in Early Education	Liberties College			Yes	Yes	No	Certificate wording may include age ranges 2.5-6 or 3-6 years, these should also be accepted
Advanced Montessori Diploma in Primary Education 6-12	Liberties College			Yes	Yes	No	
Community Care: Care of the Special Child – SNA	Liberties College	QQI	5M2786	See comments	No	No	QQI L5 Community Care award as delivered by Liberties College in 2015 and before does meet the minimum requirements for work in the Early Years sector. Community Care 5M2786 completed elsewhere or completed in Liberties College after 2016, graduates should apply to DCEDIY for qualifications recognition.
Montessori Diploma	Montessori College			Yes	No	No	
Cognitive and Physiological development of the child 0-6 through the Montessori Method	Montessori Education Centre			Yes	See comments	No	Qualification meets requirements for Lead Educator for those with Award dated before 2010 only.
Advanced Certificate in the Montessori Method of Education	Montessori Education Centre			Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma in Montessori Education	Portobello College			Yes	No	No	
Diploma in Montessori Teaching	Portobello Institute			Yes	Yes	No	Award certificate may also read Diploma in Montessori Teaching (3-6 year old), these should also be accepted.
Higher Certificate in Arts in Montessori Education	Portobello Institute			Yes	Yes	No	
Higher Certificate in Montessori Education	Portobello Institute			Yes	Yes	No	
Montessori Part 2 - Early Years Care & Education - Blended Learning	Portobello Institute			Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma in Modern Montessori Teaching	Portobello School			Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma in Montessori Teaching	Portobello School of Further Education			Yes	Yes	No	Other wording also accepted: Montessori Teaching Diploma

Ireland: Further Education Awards

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Certificate in Child Care and Nursery Nursing	Portobello School of Childcare			Yes	No	No	
Diploma in Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education or Certification [This is to certify that] in the Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education for Nursey Schools (Early Childhood)	St Nicholas Training Centre			Yes	Yes	No	This award is accepted with the wording shown and with additional wording. If age range given, known variants include: - birth to 6 years - birth to 7 years - 2.5 to 12 years - 2.5 to 5 years - 2.5 to 6 years - 2.5 / 3 to 6 years - 3 to 6 years - 3 to 12 years
Diploma in Creche Management	School of Practical Childcare	UCD		Yes	Yes	No	
Child Care and Nursery Nursing Certificate	School of Practical Childcare	City & Guilds		Yes	No	No	
Child and Community Care Certificate	School of Practical Childcare	City & Guilds		Yes	No	No	
Advanced Certificate in Childcare Practice	School of Practical Childcare	City & Guilds		Yes	No	No	
Advanced Certificate in the Montessori Method of Education	The College of Progressive Education			Yes	Yes	No	
Certificate in Pre-school Care	Dublin College of Catering (DIT)	HETAC		Yes	Yes	No	
Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education	Dublin Institute of Technology	HETAC		Yes	Yes	No	

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA and BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	Athlone Institute of Technology (TUS)	AIT/TUS		Yes	Yes	Yes	Previous title of this award also accepted: BA and BA (Hons) Early Years Care & Education (FT) / (PT)
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care (Add-on)	Athlone Institute of Technology (TUS)	AIT/TUS		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally TUS

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Higher Certificate in Childcare Supervisory Management	Athlone Institute of Technology (TUS)	AIT/TUS		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally TUS
Special Supplementary Award in Early Years Educational Skills	Athlone Institute of Technology (TUS)	AIT/TUS		Yes	Yes	Yes	Supplementary course for BA in Childcare to upskill for Higher Cap
B.A (Hons) Childcare Management	Athlone Institute of Technology (TUS)	AIT/TUS		Yes	Yes	Yes	B.A in Childcare Management also accepted
Postgraduate Diploma in Play Therapy	Children's Therapy Centre	QQI	PG21811	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	Chevron College	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Former name BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies also accepted. Older awards validated by University of East London also accepted.
BA (Ord) in Early Childhood Education and Care	Chevron College	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Former name BA (Ord) in Early Childhood Studies also accepted. Older awards validated by University of East London also accepted.
BA Early Years Education	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	MTU/CIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) is now called Munster Technical University (MTU).
BA (Hons) Early Years Education	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	MTU/CIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Degree available up to 2018, new title listed below. Previous title of this award, BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care & Education is also accepted.
BA Early Childhood Education and Care	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	MTU/CIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Previous title of this award, BA Early Childhood Care & Education is also accepted
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	мти/сіт		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now MTU. Previous title of this award BA(Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education is also accepted
BA (Hons) Montessori Education	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	MTU/CIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) is now called Munster Technical University (MTU)
BEd (Hons) Montessori Education	Cork Institute of Technology (MTU)	MTU/CIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Awards achieved in 2024 and 2025 only
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	Dublin City University	DCU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier certificates may read St Patrick's College Drumcondra / DCU. Previous award title Bachelor of Education – Early Childhood Education also accepted.
Diploma in Childcare	Dublin College of Catering (DIT)	HETAC		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (Pre 2004)	Dublin Institute of Technology	HETAC		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Dublin Institute of Technology	DIT /TUD		Yes	Yes	Yes	From 2020 this degree is awarded by TUD. Grangegorman campus. BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education also accepted
BA Early Childhood Care and Education	Dublin Institute of Technology	DIT /TUD		Yes	Yes	Yes	From 2020 this degree is awarded by TUD. Grangegorman campus
BA in Applied Early Childhood Studies	Dundalk Institute of Technology	DKIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Dundalk Institute of Technology	DKIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management for the Early Years Sector	Dundalk Institute of Technology	DKIT		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA and BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education & Care	Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (ATU)	GMIT/ATU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally ATU
Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Education	Hibernia College	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Early Childhood Education also accepted
BA and BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (TUD)	ITB/TUD		Yes	Yes	Yes	From 2020 this degree is awarded by TUD. Former award title BA and BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education also accepted.
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (TUD)	ITB/TUD		Yes	Yes	Yes	From 2020 this degree is awarded by TUD
Bachelor of Education (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Practice Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Education and Practice	Institute of Technology Carlow (SETU)	ITC/SETU	CW_HRECT_B CW_HYECE_B CW_HRECC_B CW_HRECM_B CW_HRECS_B CW_HRECV_B CW_HKECC_B CW_HREVE_B CW_HREVE_B CW_HRECD_B CW_HRECD_B CW_HRECD_B CW_HRECD_B CW_HRECB_D CW_HRECB_D CW_HRECA_D CW_HRECA_D CW_HRECA_D CW_HRECA_B CW_HKECE_B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally SETU. Previous titles of this award, BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies and BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care are also accepted. Previous titles of this award, BA in Early Childhood Studies and BA Early Childhood Education and Care are also accepted.
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Practice BA Early Childhood Education and Practice	Institute of Technology Carlow (SETU)	ITC/SETU	CW_HRECE_B CW_HKECC_B CW_HHECE_B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally SETU. PT Evening course delivered through ITC Carlow campus (CW-HRECE-B), Wexford campus (CW-HXECE-B) and Wicklow campus (CW-HKECC-B) Previous titles of this award, BA in Early Childhood Studies and BA Early Childhood Education and Care are also accepted.

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Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow (SETU)	ITC/SETU	CW_HRECE_H CW_HRECC_H CW_HRECM_H	Yes	Yes	Yes	Level 7/8 award in Social Care or equivalent. Previous codes available through Wexford campus (CW_HKECE_H) and Wicklow campus (CW_HXECE_H) also accepted. Carlow campus (CW_HRECE_H)
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow (SETU)	ITC/SETU	CW_HRECL_D CW_HRECK_D CW_HKECE_D CW_HREMB_D CW_HREMA_D CW_HXECE_D CW_HKECC_D CW_HRECC_D CW_HRECM_D CW_HRECV_D CW_HRECV_D CW_HXECC_D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Course available through Carlow, Wicklow and Wexford campuses. Previous course code CW_HRECE_D also accepted.
Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Sligo (ATU)	ITS/ATU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally ATU. Previous titles of this award, BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education are also accepted
National Diploma in Childcare	Institute of Technology Sligo (as Sligo Regional Technical College)	HETAC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Legacy award, equivalent to L7 on NFQ
Post Graduate Diploma / Master of Arts in Leadership and Advocacy in the Early Years	Institute of Technology Sligo (ATU)	ITS/ATU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally ATU. Previous title of this award Master of Arts in Leadership in Early Years Childhood Care & Education also accepted.
BA(Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Tallaght (TUD)	TUD		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally TUD. BA Early Childhood Education and Care also accepted.
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Tralee (MTU)	ITT/MTU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally MTU. Former award title BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education also accepted
BA Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Tralee (MTU)	ITT/MTU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally MTU. Former award title BA Early Childhood Care and Education also accepted.
BA in Early Childhood Practice	Institute of Technology Tralee/Mary Immaculate College	University of Limerick		Yes	Yes	Yes	Delivered with Mary Immaculate College / University of Limerick
BSc (Hons) Early Childhood Care, Health and Education	Letterkenny Institute of Technology (ATU)	LYIT/ATU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally ATU
Higher Certificate in Science in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education	Letterkenny Institute of Technology (ATU)	LYIT/ATU		Yes	Yes	No	Now formally ATU. Other title also accepted: Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education
BSc (Ord) Early Childhood Care, Health and Education	Letterkenny Institute of Technology (ATU)	LYIT/ATU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally ATU

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BA in Early Childhood Education and Care	Limerick Institute of Technology/Technological University of the Shannon	LIT/TUS	LC_HCECM_K	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally TUS. Previous name BA in Early Childhood Care and Education also accepted. Ennis, Thurles, and Moylish campus all accepted
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	Limerick Institute of Technology/Technological University of the Shannon	LIT/TUS	LC_HCECM_K	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally TUS. Previous name BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education also accepted. Ennis, Thurles and Moylish campus all accepted. Includes part time flexible learning also
B.Sc. Early Childhood Education	Marino Institute of Education	TCD		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master in Education Studies (Early Childhood Education)	Marino Institute of Education	TCD		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Early Childhood Care and Education	Mary Immaculate College	UL		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Certificate in Inclusive Care and Education (Special Purpose Certificate)	Mary Immaculate College	UL		Yes	Yes	No	
LINC - Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years (Special Purpose Award)	Mary Immaculate College	UL		Yes	Yes	No	
Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	No	
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Graduate Diploma in Practice Based Play Therapy	University of Galway	University of Galway		Yes	Yes	Yes	Previously known as NUIG
MA in Early Childhood Studies	University of Galway	University of Galway		Yes	Yes	Yes	Previously known as NUIG
Certificate in Early Childhood Studies & Practice	University of Galway	University of Galway		Yes	No	No	NB: this is not a major award at L7 on the NFQ Previously known as NUIG
Diploma in Early Childhood Studies & Practice	University of Galway	University of Galway		Yes	Yes	No	NB: this is not a major award at L7 on the NFQ. Previously known as NUIG
BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies & Professional Practice	University of Galway	University of Galway		Yes	Yes	Yes	Previous title BA Early Childhood Studies and Practice also accepted. Previously known as NUIG
BA and BA (Hons) Early Childhood – Teaching and Learning	NUI Maynooth	NUIM		Yes	Yes	Yes	Older certificates may refer to NUI Maynooth and Froebel College of Education. Part time course offered through MIC

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Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	The Progressive College (Part of City Education Group)	QQI		Yes	Yes	No	Exit award at Year 2 for Higher Certificate
BA (Ord) in Early Childhood Education and Care	The Progressive College (Part of City Education Group)	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Exit award at Year 3 for BA (Ord)
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	The Progressive College (Part of City Education Group)	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	BA (Hons) after Y4 completion
National Diploma in Humanities in Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	NCEA/HETAC		Yes	Yes	Yes	NB: Certificates were given for completion of Stage 1 or Stage 2 of this programme of learning. These do not refer to the completed programme. Full graduating certificates only can be accepted.
Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Years Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier titles, Graduate Diploma in Humanities in Montessori Education and Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Childhood Montessori Education also accepted. Earlier versions of this Higher Diploma, awarded by HETAC or the NCEA are also accepted.
BA (Hons) in Montessori Education (FT / PT)	St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier versions of this degree, awarded by HETAC or the NCEA are also accepted. Note that from Sept 2019 the course title is: B.Ed. (Hons) in Montessori Education (FT / PT)
B.Ed in Montessori Education (FT / PT)	St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier titles also accepted: BA in Early Childhood Montessori Education BA in Humanities in Montessori Education BA in Montessori Education
BA (Hons) Early Years & Childhood Studies	University College Cork	UCC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier title, BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies, also accepted.
Diploma in Nursery Management	University College Dublin	UCD		Yes	Yes	No	
National Diploma in Child Care	Various Training Providers	National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA)		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education	Waterford Institute of Technology (SETU)	WIT/SETU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally SETU
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies	Waterford Institute of Technology (SETU)	WIT/SETU	WD_HECHS_B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally SETU
Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Childhood Studies, Care and Education	Waterford Institute of Technology (SETU)	WIT/SETU	WD_HECHS_G	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now formally SETU

Higher Education ECEC Awards available internationally or in Ireland

These qualifications are available through Irish education providers, from awarding bodies outside of Ireland. In the case of the AMI awards, awards should be accepted whether they are achieved with an education provider in Ireland or internationally.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
AMI Montessori Diploma 3 to 6+ years	АМІ	Association Montessori Internationale		Yes	Yes	Yes	Awards granted for 2 year course and one year post-grad should be accepted as meeting the qualifications requirement for role of Graduate Lead Educator.
AMI Montessori Diploma 2.5 to 6+ years	АМІ	Association Montessori Internationale		Yes	Yes	Yes	
AMI Montessori Diploma (3- 12 years)	АМІ	Association Montessori Internationale		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Childhood & Youth Studies	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Case by case review, graduates should contact DCEDIY
Foundation Degree in Early Years	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Case by case review, graduates should contact DCEDIY
BA (Hons) in Childhood & Youth Studies	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Case by case review, graduates should contact DCEDIY
Foundation Degree in Early Years	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Case by case review, graduates should contact DCEDIY
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Case by case review, graduates should contact DCEDIY
Diploma in Higher Education in Early Childhood	Open University	Open University		Yes	Yes	No	Diploma in Higher Education in Early Years Professional Practice also accepted
BA and BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Portobello Institute	London Metropolitan University		Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA &BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education	Portobello Institute	London Metropolitan University		Yes	Yes	Yes	

Ireland: Higher Education Awards – Other

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Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Primary school teaching training qualification	Various	Various		Yes	Yes	See Comments	Primary School teacher training awards obtained in Ireland are accepted up to and including meeting the requirements for the role of Graduate Lead Educator. Some specific awards are given below, but approval is not limited to these awards only. For older awards, evidence of registration with the Teaching Council of Ireland can be accepted. If TCI registration was not availed of, the award holder should apply to DCEDIY for recognition.
Bachelor of Education - Primary Teaching	Church of Ireland College of Education & TCD	TCD		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education	DCU / St Patricks College Drumcondra	DCU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Award certificate may read St Patricks College Drumcondra only
Professional Master of Education in Primary Education	Hibernia College	QQI		Yes	Yes	Yes	Earlier award title, Higher Dip. in Arts (Primary Teaching), should also be accepted.
Professional Master in Education (Primary)	Marino Institute of Education	TCD		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor in Education (Primary)	Marino Institute of Education	TCD		Yes	Yes	Yes	
B. Education and Psychology – Primary Teaching	Mary Immaculate College	UL		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education - Primary Teaching	Mary Immaculate College	UL		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching)	NUI Maynooth	NUIM		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Professional Masters of Education (Primary)	NUI Maynooth	NUIM		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education	Our Lady of Mercy College of Education			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nursing Degree / Nursing Qualifications leading to Registered Nurse (May be RGN or Specialist)	Various Training Providers	Various		Yes	See Comments	No	Accepted as meeting the minimum Regulatory requirements for work in Early Years settings. Award certificates dated 2015 or earlier will be accepted as meeting the requirements for the role of Lead Educator. Graduates from 2016 onwards will require additional qualifications in Early Education to be accepted as meeting the requirements for the role of Lead Educator NB this qualification does not meet the qualification requirements for the role of Graduate Lead Educator. Due to the variation in training providers and categories of qualifications, proof of professional registration (e.g. An Bord Altranais / NMBI) is sufficient and should be accepted.

Ireland: Higher Education Awards – Applied Social Studies / Social Care

Applied Social Studies / Social Care / Social Care Practice awards are accepted from education providers as indicated below for degrees awarded up to and including 2015 only.

These awards are approved for work in the Early Years sector and for ECCE Lead Educator, providing the award certificate is dated 2015 or earlier.

Honours or Ordinary level degrees with these titles are accepted up to 2015. Older degrees from Institutes of Technology may have been awarded by the NCEA (up to 2001) or HETAC (2001 to 2012). These should be accepted also.

Awards dated 2016 and after in Applied Social Studies / Social Care / Social Care Practice degree programmes are not approved for work in the Early Years sector.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Course Code	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA in Social Care Practice	Athlone Institute of Technology	AIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Athlone Institute of Technology	AIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Carlow College / Carlow College, St Patricks	QQI		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Social Care	Cork Institute of Technology	MTU/CIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	ITB		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care)	Institute of Technology Carlow	ICT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies (Social Care)	Institute of Technology Sligo	ITS		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Social Care Practice	Institute of Technology Sligo	ITS		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Social Care Practice	Institute of Technology Tallaght	ITT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Social Care	Institute of Technology Tralee			Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BSc in Health and Social Care	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	LYIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Limerick Institute of Technology	LIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Waterford Institute of Technology	WIT		Awards 2015 and before	Awards 2015 and before	No	Awards 2016 and after not accepted

EU Countries: Austria

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Higher School Certificate and Diploma for Kindergarten and Pre-school Teachers	City of Vienna Training College for Kindergarten Teachers	State awarded qualification	Yes	Yes	No	Bildungsanstalten für Kindergarten- pädagogik der Stadt Wien

EU Countries: Belgium

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Master's in Pedagogy (Childcare and Education)	Catholic University in Leuven	KU Leuven	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor's Degree in Pre School Teaching	Higher Institute of Pedagogy Galileo (ISPG)	Nationally recognised	Yes	Yes	Yes	Institut Superieur de Pedagogie (Haute Ecole) Galilée

EU Countries: Bulgaria

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma of Higher Education in Primary School Pedagogy	Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"	Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"	Yes	Yes	Yes	
B.Ed. Primary School Pedagogics & Foreign Lang.	Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"	Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pedagogue Master's degree / major in Preschool and Primary School Pedagogy Professional Qualification	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski)	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Higher Education Diploma in Pre-school Pedagogy	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski)	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor Pedagogue, Teacher in Kindergartens and Primary Schools	St.Cyril and St.Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo	St.Cyril and St.Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Early Years and Primary School Education	Trakia University	Trakia University	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Croatia

Note: Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece is a pre-school teacher training programme, equivalent to L7 on the Irish NFQ. Stručna Prvostupnica Predškolskog Odgoja is a pre-school teacher training programme, equivalent to L8 on the Irish NFQ. Either are accepted from the educational institutions listed here. Translations may vary ('Professional Bachelor in Pre-school Teaching' 'Pre-School Teacher' 'Pre School Educator' etc.) but the Croatian language certificate for the award should show the wording given below.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor of Pre-school Education Stručna Prvostupnica Predškolskog Odgoja	Juraj Dobrila University of Pula	Juraj Dobrila University of Pula	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište Jurja Dobrile u Puli
Master of Primary Education Magistra Primarnog Obrazovanja	University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek	University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište J.J. Strossmayera u Osijeku
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece	University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek	University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište J.J. Strossmayera u Osijeku
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece	University of Rijeka	University of Rijeka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Rijeci
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece	University of Split	University of Split	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Splitu
Bachelor of Pre-school Education Stručna Prvostupnica Predškolskog Odgoja	University of Zadar	University of Zadar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zadru
Bachelor's Degree, Pre School Teacher Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece	University of Zadar	University of Zadar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zadru
Master of Primary Education Magistra Primarnog Obrazovania	University of Zadar	University of Zadar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zadru
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece	University of Zagreb	University of Zagreb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zagrebu
Bachelor of Pre-school Education Stručna Prvostupnica Predškolskog Odgoja	University of Zagreb	University of Zagreb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zagrebu
Master of Primary Education Magistra Primarnog Obrazovania	University of Zagreb	University of Zagreb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sveučilište u Zagrebu

EU Countries: Czech Republic

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Master's Degree in Primary School Teaching Magisterské Učitelství pro základních škol	Ostrava University	Ostrava University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pre-school Education Magisterské pro Pedagogika předškolního věku	Ostrava University	Ostrava University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Special Pedagogy for Pre-school Teaching Bakalář, Speciální pedagogika předškolního věku - učitelství pro mateřské školy	Palacký University Olomouc	Palacký University Olomouc	Yes	Yes	Yes	May be given as University of Olomouc

EU Countries: Czech Republic

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Master's degree in Preschool Pedagogy Magistr studijní obor Předškolní pedagogika	Palacký University Olomouc	Palacký University Olomouc	Yes	Yes	Yes	May be given as University of Olomouc
BA in Teacher Training for Pre-school Bakalář, Učitelství mateřských škol	Masaryk University	Masaryk University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Masarykova Univerzita
Graduation Certificate, Pre- and Extra - Curricular Education (Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce, Předškolní a mimoškolní pedagogika)	Various Training Providers	Nationally Recognised Qualification	See Comments	No	No	This certifies that the final exam has been passed in a secondary school vocational training stream in pedagogy with pre-school specialization. This award can be accepted as long as the pre-school specialization is clear. Translations may vary; the title in Czech should be as shown.

EU Countries: Estonia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelors Degree in Pre-school Pedagogy Bakalaureuseõpe, Alushariduse Pedagoogi	University of Tallinn	University of Tallinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tallinna Ülikool
Bachelor's Degree, Teaching of Pre-school Childcare Bakalaureuseõpe Koolieelse lasteasutuse õpetaja	University of Tartu	University of Tartu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tartu Ülikool

EU Countries: Finland

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA in Early Childhood Education	University of Helsinki	University of Helsinki	Yes	Yes	Yes	Helsingin Yliopisto
Degree, Kindergarten Teacher Training Lastentarhanopettajan tutkinto-ohjelma	University of Turku	University of Turku	Yes	Yes	Yes	Turun Yliopisto

EU Countries: France

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma, Early Childhood Educator Diplome d'Etat d'Educateur de Jeunes Enfants	Various Training Providers	French Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes	No	National qualification
Diploma, Special Educator - Diplome d'Etat d'Educateur Specialise (DEES)	Various Training Providers	French Ministry of Education	Yes	No	No	National qualification

EU Countries: Germany

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Abschlusszeugnis Pre School Education	Justus-von-Liebig- Schule Göppingen	State level award	Yes	Yes	No	
State Approved Educator	Mathilde-Weber School, College of Holistic Education	State level award	Yes	No	No	
State Recognised Childcare Worker	Specialist Academy for Social Education, Marienheim Lindau, Augsburg	State level award	Yes	Yes	No	
BSc in child psychology and social science	University of Social Paedagogik	University of Social Paedagogik	Yes	Yes	No	Does not meet qualification requirements for role of Graduate Lead Educator
Diploma, Staatliche anerkannte Erzieherin	Catholic School of Social Education, Saarbrucken, Germany	State level award	Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma for State Approved Educator	Professional School for Social Pedagogy	State level award	Yes	Yes	No	

EU Countries: Greece

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education	Alexandreio Technological Educational Institution of Thessaloniki	Alexandreio Technological Educational Institution of Thessaloniki	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Educational Sciences – Preschool Education	Democritus University of Thrace	Democritus University of Thrace	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Early Childhood Education	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Greece

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Early Childhood Education	University Of Athens	University Of Athens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Also called National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Degree in Primary Education	University Of Athens	University Of Athens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Also called National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
B.A in Pedagogy, Early Childhood Education	University Of Patras	University Of Patras	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Primary Education	University Of Patras	University Of Patras	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Hungary

Note: These awards are listed in English only here. For information, the title Óvodapedagógus in Hungarian is translated in English as Pre-school Teacher. Other common translations may be Nursery School Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher or Early Childhood Teacher / Early Childhood Educator. The title Főiskolai Oklevél translates as a degree (Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor Degree, or just Degree) in English. The name of the educational institution is provided in original language where possible.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Pre-school Teacher Training	Budapest Teacher Training College	Budapest Teacher Training College	Yes	Yes	Yes	Budapesti Tanítóképzô Főiskola Now part of Eötvös Loránd University
Degree in Pedagogy, Public Education Management & Pedagogy	Comenius Teacher Training College	University of Miskolc	Yes	Yes	Yes	Miskolci Egyetem This is a primary school teaching degree
Degree in Pre-school Teacher Training	Eötvös Loránd University	Eötvös Loránd University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem
Degree in Pre-School Teaching	Pazmany Peter Catholic University	Pazmany Peter Catholic University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem
Degree leading to title of Certified Kindergarten Teacher	Samuel Tessedik College	Szent István University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Now part of Szent István University
Degree - Pre-school Teacher Training	University of Debrecen	University of Debrecen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Debreceni Egyetem
Bachelor in Pre-school Teaching	University of Kaposvár	University of Kaposvár	Yes	Yes	Yes	Kaposvári Egyetem
Bachelor Degree, Teacher of Pre-school Pedagogy	University of Szeged	University of Szeged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Szegedi Tudományegyetem
BA (Hons) Foiskolai Oklevel (Nursery School Pedagogy)	University of West Hungary Benedek Elek College of Pedagogy	University of West Hungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Also called the University of Sopron (Soproni Egyetem)

EU Countries: Italy

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Training of Nursery and Primary School Teachers	Free University of Bozen-Bolzano		Yes	Yes	Yes	Laurea – Degree equivalent to L8 on Irish NFQ
Bachelor degree as a Childhood Educator	University of Catania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Laurea – Degree equivalent to L8 on Irish NFQ
Degree in Early Childhood Education	University of Florence		Yes	Yes	Yes	Laurea – Degree equivalent to L8 on Irish NFQ

EU Countries: Latvia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Professional bachelor's degree in education (Pre-school Teacher)	Daugavpils University	Daugavpils University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Primsskolas Skoltajs, Profesionalais Bakalaura Grads Izgtuba
Teaching Diploma (Preschool Teacher Qualifications)	Liepāja University	Liepāja University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Preschool Teacher	Liepāja Academy of Pedagogy	Liepāja Academy of Pedagogy	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons Teacher of pre-school education	Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy	Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Teaching Degree (Skolotāja Diploms) Primary School Education	Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy	Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Professional Bachelor's Degree in Education and Pre-School Teacher	University of Latvia	University of Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Profesionālā bakalaura grāds izglītībā un Pirmsskolas skolotājs

EU Countries: Lithuania

Note: The Lithuanian term Bakalauras / Bakalauro Diplomas is equivalent to a degree at Level 8 on the Irish NFQ. Profesinis Bakalauras Diplomas is an award equivalent to a degree at Level 7 on the Irish NFQ.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Professional Bachelor of Educational Science and qualification of a Pre-school Teacher Prosfesinio Bakalauro Diplomas edukologijos studiju krypties ikimokyklinio ugdymo	Kaunas College / University of Applied Sciences	Kaunas College / University of Applied Sciences	Yes	Yes	Yes	Also known as Kaunas College (Kauno Kolegija) Other known translation: BA with Preschool Education Speciality

EU Countries: Lithuania

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma in Pre School Pedagogy and Psychology	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Equivalent to BA at L8 on NFQ
Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood Pedagogy and Educology	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Equivalent to BA at L8 on NFQ
Higher Education Diploma in Primary Upbringing Pedagogics (specialization - pedagogics of the English language)	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Pedagogy, Preschool education pedagogy and Primary education pedagogy	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master of Science in Education, Primary Education Pedagogy	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Pedagogy, Preschool education pedagogy and Social pedagogy specialization	Klaipeda University	Klaipeda University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bakalauro kvalifiikacinis laipsnis ir vaikų auklėtojo – pradžios mokykos mokytojo bei socialinio pedagogo profesinės kvalifikacijos
Bachelor of Pedagogy, Kindergarten Teacher Qualification	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	Yes	Yes	Yes	Other known translation: Pedagogy, Pre-primary and Primary Education
Higher Education Diploma Education (Aukštojo Mokslo Diplomas) specialized in Pre-school Education	Marijampoles Koligija	Marijampoles Koligija	Yes	Yes	Yes	Formerly Marijampole Pedagogical Higher School
BA (Hons) in Educology , Social Sciences with Primary teaching	Siauliai University	Siauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	(Šiaulių Universitetas)
BA Degree in Pre-school Education	Siauliai University	Siauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education Pedagogy	Siauliai University	Siauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor's Degree Education with kindergarten teacher qualification	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vilnius Pedagogical University is now the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences
BA in Social Sciences Educology and Pre-School Educator	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor's Degree in Pre School Pedagogy	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: The Netherlands

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Certificate of Competence as a fully qualified teacher (Kindergarten Teacher)	Rijks Pedagogische Acadamie		Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Poland

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Magister in (Pedagogy/Pre- school Education and Elementary Education)	Adam Mickiewicz University	Adam Mickiewicz University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MA Pedagogy of Care and upbringing	Adam Mickiewicz University	Adam Mickiewicz University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor's Degree, Educational and Upbringing Pedagogy (Tutorial and Educational Pedagogics)	Angelus Silesius State School of Higher Vocational Education in Wałbrzych	Angelus Silesius State School of Higher Vocational Education in Wałbrzych	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Magister in Early and Preschool Education	Jan Dlugosz University, Czestochowa	Jan Dlugosz University, Czestochowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Pedagogy, Early School and Pre-School Teaching with English (Licencjat, Pedagogika w specjalności edukacja wczesnoszkolna i przedszkolna z nauczaniem języka angielskiego)	Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce	Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy: specializing in Preschool and Early School Education with Montessori Pedagogy	Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University	Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University
Master of Arts (Magister) in Pedagogy	John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Preschool and Early Childhood Education	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy, Early School Education	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's in Early Childhood Education	Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education Warsaw	Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education in Primary Education and PE	National College for Third Level Vocational Education, Nowy Sacz	National College for Third Level Vocational Education, Nowy Sacz	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Early School Pedagogy (Licencjat award)	Nicolaus Copernicus University	Nicolaus Copernicus University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Licencjat award (Pedagogy specialising in Early Childhood Education and Care)	Panstowowa Wyzsza Szkola Zawodowa	Panstowowa Wyzsza Szkola Zawodowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Poland

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA In Early Childhood Pedagogy	Pawel Wlodkowic University Poland	Pawel Wlodkowic University Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	
International Post-Graduate Certificate in Montessori Pedagogy	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Yes	Yes	See Comments	Must submit evidence of undergraduate degree to be assessed as meeting qualification requirements for Graduate Lead Educator
BA in Pedagogy in Childcare	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Magister Pedagogy: Preschool and Early Elementary Pedagogy	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post-graduate Diploma, Childcare with Educational Diagnostics and Therapy	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Pedagogical University of Krakow	Yes	Yes	Yes	Swiadectwo Ukonczenia Studiow Podyplomowych
Degree in Education Early Preschool Pedagogy	Pomeranian Pedagogical Academy, Slupsk	Pomeranian Pedagogical Academy, Slupsk	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Early School and Preschool Education	State Higher Voc. School in Gorzow Wielkopolski	State Higher Voc. School in Gorzow Wielkopolski	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Pedagogy Early Primary Education	State Higher Vocational School in Konin	State Higher Vocational School in Konin	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Pedagogy (Early School and Preschool Education)	State School of Higher Vocational Education in Plock	State School of Higher Vocational Education in Plock	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons in Early Childhood Education	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union, Warsaw	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union, Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Licencjat in Pedagogy majoring in early school education	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union, Warsaw	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union, Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Licencjat in Pedagogy, with specialisation in Elementary Education and Pedagogic Therapy	The Gniezno School of Humanism and Management - Millennium, Gniezno, Poland	The Gniezno School of Humanism and Management - Millennium, Gniezno, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy, specialisation in the Pedagogy of Caring (Magister Pedagogika w Zakresie Pedagogiki Opiekunczej)	The Tadeusz Kotarbioski Graduate School of Education, University of Zielona Góra	The Tadeusz Kotarbioski Graduate School of Education, University of Zielona Góra	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pedagogy, Early and Pre-school Education (Licencjat, Pedagogika w zakresie Pedagogika wczesnoszkolna i przedszkolna)	Universal Education Society, Szczecin	Universal Education Society, Szczecin	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Licencjat in Pedagogy specialization in Education of Disabled Children with Individual Therapy	University of Gdansk	University of Gdansk	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Magister in Pedagogy, specialization Education through Art	University of Lodz	University of Lodz	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Poland

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Magister in Educational Science, Preschool and Early School Pedagogy	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master of Arts in Pedagogy, Early School Education and Kindergarten Education	University of Opole	University of Opole	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diploma in Integrated Early- School and Preschool Education	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Early Learning and Preschool Education with speech therapy	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licencjata Nauczania Poczatkowego I Wychowania Przedszkolnego z logopedia
Magister in Pedagogy (Integrated Early school and Preschool Education)	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Magister in Pedagogy, in Early Childhood Education	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Licencjat in Pedagogy (Pre- School and Early School Education)	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Magister, Pedagogika w zakresie pedagogiki wczesnoszkolnej
MA Pre-elementary School Pedagogy	University of Silesia, Katowice	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's in Pedagogy specializing in preschool pedagogy	University of Szczecin	University of Szczecin	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Graduate Studies in Early Education and Pedagogical Therapy of Children with specific difficulties in learning	University of Warsaw	University of Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Preschool Teaching and Integrated Education	University of Wroclaw	University of Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Arts in Pedagogy with Preschool specialization	University of Wroclaw	University of Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree (Licencjat) in Pedagogy, Early Stage and Preschool Education	University of Zielona Góra	University of Zielona Góra	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy: Specialising in Caring Pedagogy and Preschool Education	University of Zielona Góra	University of Zielona Góra	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MA Degree of Early School and Pre School Education	Greater Poland School Of Socio- Economics	Greater Poland School Of Socio- Economics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wielkopolska Wyzsza Szkola Spoteczno- Ekonomiczna

EU Countries: Portugal

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA in Pre-School Education	Lisbon University of Education Escola Superior de Educacao de Lisboa	Lisbon University of Education Escola Superior de Educacao de Lisboa	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Early Childhood Education	Polytechnic Institute of Porto	Polytechnic Institute of Porto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licenciatura em Educação de Infância
Degree in Early Childhood Education	Polytechnic Institute of Viseu Instituto Politécnico de Viseu	Polytechnic Institute of Viseu Instituto Politécnico de Viseu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licenciatura, Educação de Infância
Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education	University of the Azores, Portugal	University of the Azores, Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Pre-School Education and Education of 1st Cycle of Basic Education	University of the Azores, Portugal	University of the Azores, Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Early Childhood Education	University of Minho	University of Minho	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licenciatura em Educação de Infância
Teaching Degree in Cycle 1 Education (Primary School)	University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro	University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro	Yes	Yes	Yes	

EU Countries: Romania

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Primary School Teachers and Childcare Educators for Special Education and Children's Homes	Andrei Saguna Pedagogical College	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	No	Certificat De Absolvire a Scolii Postliceale (=L5 Irl NFQ)
Bachelor Degree Pedagogy of Primary and Pre- School Education	Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi	Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diplomă de licență în învățământul primar și preșcolar
BA in Special Psychopedagogy	Babeş-Bolyai University	Babeş-Bolyai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licentiat in Psihopeagogie Speciala
Bachelor Degree Pedagogy of Primary and Pre- School Education	Babeş-Bolyai University	Babeş-Bolyai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licenţiat în Pedagogia învăţământului primar şi preşcolar
Higher Education Diploma, Socio-pedagogy and teaching, pre-school and primary, with specialisation English	Babeş-Bolyai University	Babeş-Bolyai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diplomă de Absolvire, Sociopsihopedagogie Institutori-Limba Engliza
Bachelor of Education Primary School/ Kindergarten Teacher	Spiru Haret University	Spiru Haret University	Yes	No	No	
Bachelor Degree, Pedagogy of Primary and Pre- School Education	Stefan Cel Mare University of Suceava	Stefan Cel Mare University of Suceava	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diplomă de licență în învățământul primar și preșcolar
Bachelor Degree Pedagogy of Primary and Pre- School Education	University of Bucharest	University of Bucharest	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diplomă de licență în învățământul primar și preșcolar

EU Countries: Romania

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA Psychology-Pedagogy (Primary School Kindergarten Teacher)	University of Bucharest	University of Bucharest	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor Degree Pedagogy of Primary and Pre- School Education	University of Oradea	University of Oradea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diplomă de licență în învățământul primar și preșcolar Other translation: BA of Pre-school and Elementary Education Pedagogy
Bachelor of Arts in the Pedagogy of Primary School and Pre-school Education	Vasile Alecsandri University of Bacau	Vasile Alecsandri University of Bacau	Yes	Yes	Yes	Licențiat, Pedagogia învățământului Primar și Preșcolar
Bachelor of Arts in Educational Sciences, specialising in Pedagogy of the Preschool and Elementary Education System	Vasile Goldiş' Western University of Arad	Vasile Goldiş' Western University of Arad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diploma de Licență, Stiinte ale Educatiei, specializarea Pedagogia Invatamantului Primar si Prescolar
Bachelor of Arts in Educational Sciences, specialising in Pedagogy of the Preschool and Elementary Education System	Vasile Goldiş' Western University of Arad	Vasile Goldiş' Western University of Arad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Diploma de Licență, Stiinte ale Educatiei, specializarea Pedagogia Invatamantului Primar si Prescolar

EU Countries: Spain

Degrees accepted are in Early Childhood Education (Educación Infantil) or Primary Education (Educación Primaria). Degrees may be the equivalent of an ordinary level degree (Maestro / Maestra) or the equivalent of an honours level degree (Grado / Grada, Graduado / Graduada, Magisterio). The translation of any of these titles is typically 'degree' or 'bachelors degree'. Translations can vary; this does not have a bearing on the approval of the degree. Known variations in translation include 'University degree', Graduate degree', Graduate degree', 'Bachelor of Arts' or 'Bachelor of Arts' or

The degree title may include a specialization in a particular subject or teaching mode (in Spanish, con mención .e.g Grado en Educatión Infantil con Mención en Lengua Inglesa [Degree in Early Childhood Education with specialization in English language]). These specializations are taken in addition to the main degree pathway. Approval is not affected, and for the purposes of this list, degrees with specializations are considered the same as those without.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Higher Technician in Early Childhood Education Given in original language as Título de Técnica Superior [en Educación Infantil] Formación Profesional de Grado [] Cicle Formació Professional Superior [] CFGS []	Various Training Providers	Various	Yes	Yes	No	These are national, standardized awards in Spain which are equivalent to Level 6 on the Irish NFQ They are accepted regardless of training provider.

EU Countries: Spain

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
	Autonomous University of Barcelona	Autonomous University of Barcelona	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	Autonomous University of Madrid	Autonomous University of Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
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	Camilo José Cela University	Camilo José Cela University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Camilo José Cela
	CEU San Pablo University	CEU San Pablo University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad CEU San Pablo
	Comillas Pontifical University	Comillas Pontifical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Pontificia Comillas
	Complutense University of Madrid	Complutense University of Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Complutense de Madrid
	Francisco de Vitoria University	Francisco de Vitoria University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
	Jaume I University	Jaume I University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Jaume I
	Mondragon University	Mondragon University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mondragon Unibertsitatea
Degree in Primary Education (Educación Primaria)	Pontifical University of Salamanca	Pontifical University of Salamanca	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
or Degree in Early Childhood Education	Public University of Navarre	Public University of Navarre	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Pública de Navarra and / or Nafarroako Unibertsitate Publikoa
(Educación Infantil)	Ramon Llull University	Ramon Llull University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat Ramon Llull
	Rey Juan Carlos University	Rey Juan Carlos University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
Accepted from all Universities listed	Rovira i Virgili University	Rovira i Virgili University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat Rovira i Virgili
opposite	University Católica San Antonio	University Católica San Antonio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia
	University CEU Cardenal Herrera	University CEU Cardenal Herrera	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera
	University of A Coruña	University of A Coruña	Yes	Yes	Yes	Translation may be University of La Coruna Universidade da Coruña
	University of Alcalá	University of Alcalá	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Alcalá
	University of Alicante	University of Alicante	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat d'Alacant / Universidad de Alicante
	University of Almería	University of Almería	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Almería
	University of Barcelona	University of Barcelona	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat de Barcelona
	University of Burgos	University of Burgos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Burgos
	University of Cádiz	University of Cádiz	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Cádiz
	University of Cantabria	University of Cantabria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Cantabria
	University of Castilla-La Mancha	University of Castilla-La Mancha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha
	University of Córdoba	University of Córdoba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Córdoba
	University of Deusto	University of Deusto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Deustuko Unibertsitatea Universidad de Deusto

EU Countries: Spain

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
	University of Extremadura	University of Extremadura	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Extremadura
	University of Girona	University of Girona	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat de Girona
	University of Granada	University of Granada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Granada
	University of Huelva	University of Huelva	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Huelva
	University of Jaén	University of Jaén	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Jaén
	University of La Laguna	University of La Laguna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de La Laguna
	University of La Rioja	University of La Rioja	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de La Rioja
	University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
	University of León	University of León	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Léon
Degree in Primary Education	University of Lleida	University of Lleida	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat de Lleida
(Educación Primaria)	University of Málaga	University of Málaga	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Málaga
or	University of Murcia	University of Murcia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Murcia
Degree in Early Childhood Education	University of Navarra	University of Navarra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Navarra
(Educación Infantil)	University of Oviedo	University of Oviedo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Oviedo and/or Universidá d'Uviéu
Accepted from all Universities listed	University of Salamanca	University of Salamanca	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Salamanca
opposite	University of Santiago de Compostela	University of Santiago de Compostela	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidade de Santiago de Compostela
	University of Seville	University of Seville	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Sevilla
	University of the Balearic Islands	University of the Balearic Islands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat de les Illes Balears
	University of the Basque Country	University of the Basque Country	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad del País Vasco and/or Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea
	University of Valencia	University of Valencia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universitat de València
	University of Valladolid	University of Valladolid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Valladolid
	University of Vigo	University of Vigo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidade de Vigo
	University of Vigo	University of Vigo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidade de Vigo
	University of Zaragoza	University of Zaragoza	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad de Zaragoza
	Valencia Catholic University Saint Vincent Martyr	Valencia Catholic University Saint Vincent Martyr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir

EU Countries: Slovakia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Master's in Teaching Children of Elementary School	University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica	University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica	Yes	Yes	Yes	Primary Teacher Qualification
Magister Degree: Teacher Training for First Stage of Basic schools and Preschool Pedagogy	University of Prešov	University of Prešov	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Pre-school and Elementary Pedagogy	University of Prešov	University of Prešov	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bakalár, Predškolská a Elementárna Pedagogika

EU Countries: Slovenia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA in Preschool Education	University of Maribor	University of Maribor	Yes	Yes	Yes	·

EU Countries: Sweden

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor of Education in Child and Youth Education	University of Stockholm	University of Stockholm	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Approved awards from countries outside the European Union

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Argentina

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Elementary Education Teacher	Instituto Superior de Profesorado de Education, Buenos Aires	Instituto Superior de Profesorado de Education, Buenos Aires	Yes	Yes	Yes	Profesora Educacion Inicial

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Australia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma in Infant Teaching	Catholic Teachers College, Sydney	Catholic Teachers College, Sydney	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education	Macquarie University	Macquarie University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Early Childhood Teaching	University of Western Sydney	University of Western Sydney	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood Studies)	Edith Cowan University	Edith Cowan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services Early Childhood Education and Care	Various Training Providers	National Qualification	Yes	Yes	No	Standardized national award equivalent to Level 6 on the Irish NFQ. Accepted regardless of training provider. Earlier award, CHC50302 Diploma of Children's Services is also accepted
CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Various Training Providers	National Qualification	Yes	Yes	No	Standardized national award equivalent to Level 6 on the Irish NFQ. Accepted regardless of training provider

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Canada

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma in Early Childhood Education	Canada Durham College	Canada Durham College	Yes	Yes	No	
BA in Early Childhood Studies	Ryerson University, Toronto	Ryerson University, Toronto	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Chile

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Education	Andrés Bello National University	Andrés Bello National University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Educación Parvularia

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Mexico

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Early Childhood Education	Andrés Bello National University	Andrés Bello National University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Early Years Childhood Education	Benemérita Escuela Normal Estatal, Profesor Jesús Prado Luna	Benemérita Escuela Normal Estatal, Profesor Jesús Prado Luna	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Baccalaureate in Educational Assistance Bachillerato con Asistente Educativo	ISAC de Monterrey	ISAC de Monterrey	Yes	No	No	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – New Zealand

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	University of Canterbury, Christchurch	University of Canterbury, Christchurch	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood)	The University of Waikato	The University of Waikato	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	Victoria University of Wellington	Victoria University of Wellington	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Peru

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma, Early Childhood Education Teacher (Titulo de Profesora de Educacion Inicial)	HNO Victorino Elorz Goicoechea Teacher Training College	HNO Victorino Elorz Goicoechea Teacher Training College	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Philippines

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA of Elementary Education (Special Education)	University of the Philippines Diliman	University of the Philippines Diliman	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – Serbia

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Degree in Pedagogy	University of Novi Sad	University of Novi Sad	Yes	See Comments	See Comments	Case by case decision based on course content

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – South Africa

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Higher Diploma in Education, Junior Primary School Teaching	Natal College of Education	Natal College of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Degree in Pre- primary Education (Baccalaureus Primae Educationis)	University of Pretoria	University of Pretoria	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – United Kingdom

Note on UK further education qualifications:

Relevant awards for the Early Years sector are available in the UK from a few different nationally recognised awarding bodies (current and former). These include: CACHE, BTEC / Edexcel, the NCFE, City & Guilds, and the former NNEB. Certificates will sometimes show more than one awarding body, for example, BTEC and Edexcel may be indicated on the same certificate.

There are multiple training providers for these awards. Where, in the previous version of this list, an award from one of these awarding bodies was given for a specific training provider, it will now be given for multiple training providers. Approval for awards will not be limited by the training provider, including training providers outside of the UK. However, if the certificate states that the award is given in association with an awarding body, the holder should check with DCEDIY, as this may not amount to full accreditation.

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BTEC National Diploma in Early Years	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	No	No	This is Level 3 in UK= L5 Irish NFQ
BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	No	No	This is Level 3 in UK= L5 Irish NFQ. The award may also state National Certificate, this too is equivalent to L5
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Advanced Practice Work with Children and Families	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Studies	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Advanced Practice in Early Years Education	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	No	No	
Level 3 BTEC National Diploma, Caring Services (Nursery Nursing)	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	No	No	
Higher Diploma in Caring Services (Social Care)	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	See Comments	See Comments	No	Award certificates up to and including 2015 are accepted for the minimum standard and lead educator within ECCE. Awards 2016 and after are not accepted.
BTEC Advanced Practice in Work with Children and Families - NQF (Northern Ireland)	Various Training Providers	BTEC / Edexcel	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
Certificate in Work with Children	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Certificate in Playwork	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Certificate in Work with Children (Playwork)	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Certificate in Childminding Practice	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Diploma in Preschool Practice (DPP)	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Diploma in Home-based Childcare	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – United Kingdom

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Diploma in Childcare and Education (L3)	Various Training Providers	САСНЕ	Yes	No	No	This is Level 3 in the UK. NB a Level 2 Certificate (same award title) does not meet the Regulatory requirements.
Level 3 NVQ in Early Years Care and Education	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	No	No	
Level 4 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	Yes	No	This is Level 4 in UK= L6 Irish NFQ
Advanced Diploma in Childcare and Education	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	Yes	No	This is Level 4 in UK= L6 Irish NFQ
Certificate in Managing Quality Standards in Children's Services	Various Training Providers	CACHE	Yes	Yes	No	This is Level 4 in UK= L6 Irish NFQ
Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development	Various Training Providers	NCFE / CACHE	Yes	No	No	Certificates may indicate NCFE / CACHE
Level 4 Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Studies	Various Training Providers / Crossfields Institute	NCFE / CACHE	Yes	Yes	No	This qualification was developed by CACHE / NCFE with the Crossfields Institute but may be available from other training providers
L5 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ)	Various Training Providers	NCFE / CACHE	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
Level 5 Diploma Leadership Childrens Care, Learning and Development	Various Training Providers	City and Guilds	Yes	Yes	See Comments	This is a L6 qualification on the Irish NFQ. Case by Case review applicants should contact DCEDIY
Advanced Certificate in Playgroup Practice	Various Training Providers	NCFE	Yes	No	No	
Advanced Certificate in Playwork	Various Training Providers	NCFE	Yes	No	No	
Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce: Early Learning and Childcare	Various Training Providers	See note	Yes	No	No	This is a national, standardized award in the UK which may be awarded by CACHE, the NCFE, City and Guilds, Pearson EDI or other trainer / awarding body.
Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)	Various Training Providers	See note	Yes	No	No	This is a national, standardized award in the UK which may be awarded by CACHE, the NCFE, City and Guilds, Pearson EDI or other trainer / awarding body.
Diploma in Nursery Nursing / Certificate in Nursery Nursing	Various Training Providers	National Nursery Education Board (NNEB) UK	Yes	Yes	No	Doesn't meet qualification requirements for role of Graduate Lead Educator.
Diploma in Nursery Nursing (NNEB)	Various Training Providers	CACHE / NNEB	Yes	See Comments	No	If the certificate clearly states that the award was made at level 3 on the UK framework, this cannot be accepted as meeting qualification requirements for role of Lead Educator.
Higher National Certificate - Early Education & Childcare	Various Training Providers	Scottish Qualifications Authority	Yes	Yes	No	
Higher National Certificate – Childhood Practice	Various Training Providers	Scottish Qualifications Authority	Yes	Yes	No	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – United Kingdom

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Higher National Certificate in Working with Children in their Early Years	Various Training Providers	Scottish Vocational Education Council	Yes	Yes	No	
SVQ 3 Childrens's Care Learning and Development	Various Training Providers	Scottish Qualifications Authority	Yes	No	No	
Diploma in Higher Education in Early Childhood Studies	Canterbury Christchurch University	Canterbury Christchurch University	Yes	No	No	
Master of Arts in Practice Based Play Therapy	Canterbury Christchurch University	Canterbury Christchurch University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diploma in Primary Teaching	Craiglockhart College of Education	Scottish Education Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Primary School Teaching Qualification
Diploma in Early Childhood Education (Steiner Waldorf)	Emerson College	London Emerson College	Yes	Yes	No	
Bachelor of Education (Hons) with Specialisation in Early Childhood Education	Liverpool Hope University	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies and Education Studies	Liverpool Hope University	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) Advanced Study of Early Years with Music	Liverpool Hope University	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) Advanced Study of Early Years and Education Studies	Liverpool Hope University	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) Education Studies and Early Years	Liverpool John Moores University	Liverpool John Moores University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Liverpool John Moores University	Liverpool John Moores University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Hons) Childhood studies	Liverpool John Moores University	Liverpool John Moores University	Yes	See comments	See comments	Case by case review of course content for early years education focus.
Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	See comments	Can be considered as meeting qualification requirements for role of Graduate Lead educator on application to DCEDIY
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Ord) in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Studies)	London Metropolitan University	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	No	
Nursery Foundation Teaching Diploma	London Montessori	London Montessori	Yes	Yes	No	
International Diploma in Pre-primary Montessori (3-6)	London Montessori Centre	MEC London	Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Early Years Education	London Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training Centre	London Steiner Waldorf ECTTC	Yes	Yes	No	
Early Childhood Training Course (Diploma)	London Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training Centre	London Steiner Waldorf ECTTC	Yes	Yes	No	
Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy (0-7)	Montessori Centre International	Cache	Yes	See comments	No	NB There is a Level 3 and a Level 4 diploma in the UK (one and two years, respectively). The Level 3 (one year course) is not accepted for Lead Educator; the Level 4 (2 year course) is accepted for Lead Educator

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – United Kingdom

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies	Nottingham Trent University	Nottingham Trent University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education (Primary Teacher Qualification)	Queens University Belfast	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MA Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	See comments	May also be offered through NI regional colleges. Graduates should apply directly to DCEDIY for qualification recognition for Graduate Lead Educator.
BA (Hons) Children and Early Childhood	Teesside University	Teesside University	Yes	Yes	Yes	BA (Hons) Children and Early Childhood (Top-up) also accepted
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies	Teesside University	Teesside University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary)	University of Aberdeen	University of Aberdeen	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master of Education in Special Education (Autism in Children)	University of Birmingham	University of Birmingham	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Arts (Hons)in Early Childhood Studies	University of Birmingham	University of Birmingham	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Graduate Certificate in Education with Qualified Teacher Status (5-11yrs)	University of Cumbria	University of Cumbria	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Graduate Certificate of Education (Early Years 4-8)	University of East Anglia	University of East Anglia	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Grad Cert in Education/General Primary (Key Stage 1 /2)	University of East London	University of East London	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Professional Graduate Diploma in Primary Education	University of Edinburgh	University of Edinburgh	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education in Primary Education	University of Gloucestershire	University of Gloucestershire	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Post Graduate Certificate in Primary & Nursery Education	University of Hertfordshire	University of Hertfordshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master of Arts in Integrated Provision for Children and Families in Early Years	University of Leicester	University of Leicester	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Teacher's Certificate	University of London Institute of Education (Coloma College)	University of London	Yes	Yes	Yes	Primary teacher Qualification
Teacher's Certificate in the theory and Practice of Education (Junior School)	University of London Institute of Education	University of London	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons in Advanced Study of Early Years and History	University of Liverpool	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA(hons) Advanced Study Early Years & Education Studies	University of Liverpool	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Advanced Study of Early Years and Special Needs	University of Liverpool	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – United Kingdom

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Post Grad Certificate in Education (Primary Teaching)	University of Manchester	University of Manchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons Early Childhood	University College Northampton	University College Northampton	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Care & Education of Very Young Children	University of Northumbria	University of Northumbria	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (hons) in Childhood Studies and Professional Practice Studies	University of Northumbria	University of Northumbria	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Higher Education Certificate in Steiner Waldorf Education	University of Plymouth	University of Plymouth	Yes	Yes	No	
BA (hons) Steiner Waldorf Education	University of Plymouth	University of Plymouth	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master of Arts in Special and Inclusive Education	University of Roehampton	University of Roehampton	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MA in Play Therapy	University of Roehampton	University of Roehampton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Award previously available at Post- Graduate Diploma also accepted
MA in Early Childhood Education	University of Sheffield	University of Sheffield	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education in Primary Education	University of Strathclyde	University of Strathclyde	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Primary Education	University of Strathclyde	University of Strathclyde	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Med in Early Years Pedagogue	University of Strathclyde	University of Strathclyde	Yes	Yes	Yes	Award previously available as Post- Graduate Certificate is also accepted
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies	University of Sunderland	University of Sunderland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Award previously available BA (Hons) Early Childhood and Curriculum Studies also accepted
PGCE in Education (Primary)	University of Ulster	University of Ulster	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA in Primary Studies	University of Wales	University of Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA (hons) Education and Early Childhood Studies	University of West England	University of West England	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Professional Graduate Certificate in Early Years Practice	University of Winchester	University of Winchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies	University of Winchester	University of Winchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons Early Childhood Studies	University of Wolverhampton	University of Wolverhampton	Yes	Yes	Yes	
BA Hons in Education - Early Years	University of Worcester	University of Worcester	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Studies	University of Worcester	University of Worcester	Yes	Yes	No	

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – USA

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor of Science in Education	St. John's University, New York	St. John's University, New York	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	Accepted on condition that the Major is Elementary Education Grades Pre K-

Early Years Recognised Qualifications – USA

Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Awarding Body	Meets Minimum Regulatory Requirement	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Lead Educator	Meets Qualification Requirements for Role of Graduate Lead Educator	Comments and Further Information
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, with a Primary Teaching Credential	California State University	California State University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Hons. Bachelor Degree in Early Years	California State University	California State University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Basic and Advanced Core Program in Early Childhood Education (Child Development)	University of California, Los Angeles	University of California, Los Angeles	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Master's Degree in Early/Elementary Education	University of Massachusetts, Boston, Ma.	University of Massachusetts, Boston, Ma.	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Preschool / Kindergarten Montessori Teaching Diploma	North American Montessori Centre	North American Montessori Centre	Yes	Yes	No	