



Department for  
Digital, Culture,  
Media & Sport



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**To whom it may concern:**

This letter is to confirm that all youth workers currently holding or actively training for National Youth Agency (NYA) recognised qualifications are classified as key/critical workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Youth workers fall under the "Key public services" and "Local government" categories as either charity workers/volunteers or Local Authority staff/volunteers delivering key frontline services (the full list can be found at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

This status applies for all workers who are actively delivering youth sector activity and youth work that is COVID Secure and permitted in regulations in line with National Youth Agency Guidance (which can be found at [www.nya.org.uk](http://www.nya.org.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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