



Step Up Training and Care

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Qualification Name	iCQ Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
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Step Up Training and Care have been reviewed by the QACLS (Quality Assured Care Learning Service) for delivery of this qualification. This service from the Department of Health and Social Care will review the quality of individual courses and qualifications delivered by training providers to ensure that training and development is of good quality, easily accessible, meets the needs of the workforce and users of care services. We have met all these standards and therefore proud to be approved to display the QACLS logo against this qualification.



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Qualification Structure

This is a knowledge only qualification. This course provides information in relation to:

- Autistic spectrum conditions.
- Behaviour management strategies
- Principles of communication
- How to interact with individuals who have autistic spectrum conditions.

This qualification will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence.

You will be assigned a personal assessor who will help guide you through the learning criteria for this qualification, delivered as a distance learning qualification.

Learners will be required to undertake personal research and complete assignments in line with the qualification criteria. Work is submitted through building a portfolio of evidence which is submitted via an E-portfolio

There are no exams required to pass this qualification. We do not require an observation of the learner in practice.

Qualification Duration

The duration of the qualification is 145 hours and of this 115 are recommended as guided learning hours. This equates to approximately a 1-month timescale but is dependent on a learner being engaged in their studies, submitting evidence to match the learning criteria usually on a weekly basis to your personal assessor.

This is an estimate of hours for the average learner to demonstrate the level of attainment. This course can be done under supervision or without supervision.

Costs

This course is £315

If you are an employer and seeking your employee(s) to undertake this qualification, please note this qualification attracts funding from government pathways. The funding is delivered through the Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS) offered by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Employers make this claim on behalf of the employee; the LDSS scheme cannot and will not accept any claims from an individual. Step Up Training and Care cannot make the claim on behalf of any individual or employer, details of the scheme can be found here [Learning and Development Support Scheme for the adult social care workforce: a guide for employers - GOV.UK](#)

The rules for this scheme state employers pay an initial 60% of the qualification cost to Step up Training and Care, they then claim that outlay back from the LDSS scheme. Then upon completion and certification of studies the remaining 40% is paid to Step Up Training and Care and then claimed back from the LDSS scheme.

Individuals looking to undertake this qualification and paying for this personally will be offered options on how to pay for this course, including payments in full on registration or payment via a mutually agreed instalment plan. Individuals paying personally will not qualify for any funding reimbursements.

Who can enrol for this course?

This qualification can be taken by learners preparing to enter employment or by those who are already in employment in a care role and wish to develop specialist knowledge in relation to autistic spectrum conditions.

Entry requirements

This qualification is approved for delivery to learners aged 16 and above. It is advised that learners have a minimum of Level 1 in Literacy and/ or numeracy or equivalent.

Who is this qualification suitable for?

This qualification is designed for learners who wish to develop an understanding of autism and how to support individuals with autism.

This qualification aims to: develop learners' understanding of autism and the principles of supporting individuals with autism - covering the personcentred approach and influence of positive communication methods how to enable individuals to manage their own risks with the support of professionals how to support positive behaviour and how individuals with autism can be supported to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

Throughout this qualification specification, as in the Department of Health Adult Autism Strategy, we've used the term 'autism' as an umbrella term for all autistic spectrum conditions, including Asperger syndrome

It's useful for learners who provide direct support and those working in sectors such as:

- Adult care worker

- Healthcare assistant/support worker
- Personal assistant
- Care worker preparing or just beginning their care in the health and social care sector
- healthcare
- social care
- leisure
- entertainment
- education and training
- nursing

Certification

Upon successful completion of this qualification, you will be issued with a hard copy of your certificate.

Enrolment

Full details of how to enrol on this qualification can be found on our website, under the section Enrolment.

Module Content

To complete the iCQ Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism (RQF), learners must complete all units within the mandatory group.

There are 7 mandatory units

- A/617/8177 Understanding sensory processing, perception and cognition in individuals with autism
- D/617/8172 Understanding Autism
- F/617/8178 Supporting and promoting positive behaviour in individuals with autism
- H/617/8173 Understanding theories, support and legislation in relation to autism
- K/617/8174 Managing risks when supporting an individual with autism
- M/617/8175 Supporting individuals living with autism
- T/617/8176 Understanding effective communication and social interaction when supporting individuals with autism