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Health & Social Care Apprenticeship Framework Update Framework (236 Issue 7.4) Effective From: 30 September 2009

Summary of Changes

The revised Health & Social Care Apprenticeship Framework (236 issue number 7.4) at Levels 2 and 3 is now effective from 30th September 2009, following successful Alliance QA approval and confirmation by NAS and LSC of upload on the Learner Aims Database.

This update provides a summary of key changes as highlighted below:

Health & Support Services

1. The addition of the existing NVQ Support Services in Health Care at Level 2
2. The addition of 2 additional pathways within the Health NVQ at Level 3 in:
 - a. Endoscopy
 - b. Pathology
3. The addition of a new Health focused underpinning knowledge QCF Technical Certificate, to underpin the Health NVQ at L2 and L3 and the Support Services in Healthcare NVQ at L2 which should support most health and non-direct care roles within the health sector:
 - Level 2 'Certificate for Working in the Health Sector' 13 credits (75 GLH)
 - Level 3 'Certificate for Working in the Health Sector' 18 credits (110 GLH)

The Health Technical Certificates are based on the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) Core Dimensions (Applies to all NHS and increasingly the independent sector).

The following are now available on the National Database of Accredited Qualifications (NDAQ) www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/index.aspx for uptake as a stand alone qualification from the 1st July 2009 as indicated below.

Level 2 Certificate in Working in the Health Sector	Level 3 Certificate in Working in the Health Sector
City & Guilds (500/6093/4)	City & Guilds (500/6083/1)
Edexcel BTEC (500/6512/9)	Edexcel (500/6510/5)
EDI (500/6062/4)	EDI (500/6063/6)
NCFE (500/6103/3)	NCFE (500/6104/5)

As from the implementation date of September 2009 (backdated by the LSC) for the Health & Social Care Framework (236 Issue 7.4), the following will apply for all health apprentices:

Within the health sector apprentices undertaking the NVQ in Health at levels 2 and 3 and Support Services in Healthcare NVQ at Level 2 must now undertake the new Technical Certificate – ‘Certificate Working in the Health Sector’ (and not the Certificate in Health and Social Care)

Those apprentices working in health and undertaking the NVQ in Health & Social Care at L2 and 3 should continue to undertake the relevant existing Certificate in Health & Social Care as the appropriate underpinning knowledge for these NVQs.

In a social care setting, apprentices should continue to undertake the Certificate in Health & Social Care (knowledge based element) to underpin and support the competence based NVQ in Health & Social Care.

Health & Social Care

Amendments have been made in Section 5: 5.1 Employed Status to include changes in the provision of personal care by 16 -18 year olds in care sector.

In the Social Care Sector in England

The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) and the Department of Health (DH) have produced a more flexible approach to the Care Standards Act 2000 allowing 16-18 year olds in the social care sector to provide personal care as long as they are trained, competent and are appropriately supervised. Skills for Care recommend that Care workers under 18 should have completed or be undertaking the Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care and have satisfied their line manager of their competence to carry out these tasks. (There are no existing restrictions for apprentices in the health sector).

In the Social Care Sector in Wales

The NMS for Care Homes for Older People and the NMS for Care Homes for Younger Adults place a number of restrictions on those under 18 providing intimate care. The relevant standards should be taken into consideration in relation to trainees under the age of 18 providing personal care within residential settings in social care. (There are no existing restrictions for apprentices in the health sector)

Further Communications

Update progress and the live H&SC Apprenticeship Framework (236 Issue 7.4) will be made available for implementation and delivery on respective partner websites Skills for Care and Care Council for Wales and all training providers have been sent an update.