

## Early Years Professional Status Validation Pathway – Frequently Asked Questions

### **I have lost my certificates can I still apply for the Validation pathway?**

Before an offer can be made, prospective candidates must supply evidence of their degree (BA, BSc or BEd). A copy of the actual degree certificate is necessary and not just a transcript.

Additionally, GCSE maths and English at Grade C (or recognised equivalents) must also be available before an offer can be made.

Actual certificates will need to be produced at the 1<sup>st</sup> Briefing Day.

### **I have a Maths and English qualification taken in College are these acceptable?**

City & Guilds Literacy & Numeracy – not acceptable

Key Skills – not acceptable

LearnDirect – not acceptable

O levels – yes – at Pass Grade

CSE – yes – at Grade 1

NDNA has a list of organisations who offer equivalency testing and details can be made available on request.

Some courses undertaken with the Open University are also classified as GCSE English equivalency and the NDNA can check this for you.

### **My qualifications were obtained outside of the UK, are these accepted as entry requirements?**

Degrees and Maths and English qualifications obtained outside of the UK must be accompanied by a NARIC transcript. Details can be obtained from their website at [www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk). An offer cannot be made until NARIC transcripts are supplied to show equivalency to UK qualifications.

### **How much will the training cost me?**

The pathway is free. The NDNA/OU Partnership obtain funding from the CWDC on your behalf.

### **Can I claim any expenses?**

A setting can claim up to £500 to cover a member of staff whilst absent from the setting undertaking the pathway.

### **Are candidates who live in Scotland or Wales eligible for the validation pathway?**

Unfortunately, only candidates who are resident in England can be considered at the present time.

**Can I take holiday whilst undertaking the pathway?**

All the dates for the pathway will be fixed at the commencement of the pathway and no deviation can be made. There is a considerable amount of work to be undertaken as part of the pathway and candidates may struggle if they take absence during the 4-month period.

**I work in the maintained sector, am I eligible?**

Only candidates working in the Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector are eligible. In addition, local authority development workers and childminders can apply as can candidates from children's centres.

**When are the next pathways?**

Validation pathways commence in January, April and September annually.

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