The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is introducing a new Level 2 qualification for the adult social care workforce, for individuals working in direct care. The Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate, which has been developed from the 15 widely used Care Certificate standards, is part of our commitment to recognising our care workforce for the professional career it is.

Currently over 50% of the workforce do not hold an accredited qualification but the sector is filled with experienced and committed colleagues who deserve to be acknowledged for the skilled care they provide. Our aim is that the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate will provide a route for thousands of staff to gain a recognised qualification, reaffirming care work as a career and helping to recruit and retain talent.

In March 2023, DHSC appointed Skills for Care to develop a qualification specification to enable better consistency in portability and standardisation in how the current standards are delivered, 1 ent

The Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate has a total qualification time (TQT) of 369

Ahead of the launch of the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification, to ensure for sector readiness to commence enrolling learners onto the course from June 2024, we are looking to focus on, and draw

those with experience in care enrolling onto the qualification with the assurance of where their skillll