

Suitable alternatives for withdrawn qualifications

Sport and Physical Activity

Withdrawn Level 1 qualifications have a suitable NCFE or Active IQ replacement identified. For each of the legacy qualifications, centres should identify how learners progress. The NCFE replacement is a more general introduction to the sector and leads well onto other general Level 2 or 3 programmes, whereas the Active IQ replacement better leads on to professional qualifications in gym instructing or personal training.

NCFE Level 2 and 3 qualifications are split into four pathways: Sport, Exercise and Fitness, Outdoors, Working in Sport and Leisure, and Sports Coaching. This means they can be tailored to meet any provider need. The qualifications provide a greater level of choice and flexibility than others currently available at these levels. They are also part of nested suites, enabling transition between qualifications of different GLH, and are all graded Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction*

- Level 2 suite has two different nested qualifications of GLH 180 and 290.
- Level 3 suite has five different nested qualifications of GLH 180, 360, 540, 720, and 1080.

Some legacy Level 2 and 3 qualifications also map to CIMSPSA professional standards, and two Active IQ reformed replacements have been identified. Centres should consider factors such as GLH, UCAS points, and progression into employment/HE when deciding whether to use NCFE, Active IQ, or a combination of replacements.

Legacy Qualification	Recommended Replacement Qualification
Active IQ Level 1 Award in Fitness and Physical Activity (601/4120/7)	Active IQ Level 1 Award in Assisting Sport and Physical Activity Sessions (603/6347/2)
Active IQ Level 1 Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity (603/2783/2)	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Sport (601/2623/1)
Active IQ Level 2 Diploma in Physical Activity, Fitness and Exercise Science (601/6041/X)	NCFE Level 2 Suite in Sport (appropriate pathway): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate: 601/3037/4 • Diploma: 601/3038/6 And/or Active IQ Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching (Certificate) (610/4546/9)
Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Introductory Work in the Outdoors (601/2340/0)	
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Coaching Sports (603/1540/4)	NCFE Level 3 Suite in Sport and Physical Activity (appropriate pathway): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Certificate (601/8877/7) • Certificate (601/8878/9) • Diploma (540) (601/8881/9) • Diploma (720) (601/8882/0) • Extended Diploma (601/8883/2) And/or Active IQ Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching (Certificate) (610/4546/9) Active IQ Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training (Diploma) (610/3922/6)
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Coaching Sports and Fitness (603/1541/6)	
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Physical Activity, Fitness and Exercise Science (601/6042/1)	
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Instructing Outdoor Fitness (601/8833/9)	
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Fitness Instructing and Physical Activity (603/1162/9)	
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training for Health, Fitness and Performance (601/9003/6)	
Active IQ Level 3 Extended Diploma in Personal Training for Health, Fitness and Performance (601/9002/4)	

Lifestyle and Leisure

The first four Active IQ legacy qualifications to be withdrawn have a suitable replacement identified, of a similar GLH and content. All the replacement Active IQ qualifications have the same assessment methodology to their legacy counterparts and are graded Pass/Fail.

The two final two Active IQ Level 2 qualifications in Smoking Awareness and Cessation, and Alcohol Awareness do not have an equivalent Level 2 qualification replacement, however there is a popular NCFE Level 1 qualification that can be delivered if appropriate.

Legacy Qualification	Recommended Replacement Qualification
Active IQ Level 1 Award in Influencing Health and Wellbeing (603/7230/8)	Active IQ Level 1 Award in Active, Healthy Living (500/7855/0)
Active IQ Level 1 Award in Lifestyle Management (601/4121/9)	
Active IQ Level 2 Award in Health and Community Activation (603/7231/X)	Active IQ Level 2 Award in Working with Communities to Promote and Support Active Healthy Lifestyles (601/1009/0)
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Operating Small Pools (603/4976/1)	Active IQ Level 3 Award in Managing Pool Operations (603/4975/X)
Active IQ Level 2 Award in Smoking Awareness and Cessation (601/2024/1)	NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Awareness of Substance Misuse (603/1924/0)
Active IQ Level 2 Award in Alcohol Awareness (601/2034/4)	NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Alcohol Awareness (601/3184/6)

Vocational Assessment and Education

The first seven qualifications are designed to support the assessment and quality assurance of all apprenticeships and vocational qualifications. Both the Active IQ legacy and NCFE replacements are shared content with the Education & Training Foundation (ETF) and are therefore identical.

The final two in Education and Training are also shared content with ETF, and the Active IQ and NCFE versions are the same.

Legacy Qualification	Recommended Replacement Qualification
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement (501/0162/6)	NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement (501/0886/4)
Active IQ Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (501/0163/8)	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (501/0885/2)
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment (501/0167/5)	NCFE Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment (501/0888/8)
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment (501/0168/7)	NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment (501/0882/7)
Active IQ Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0165/1)	NCFE Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0889/X)
Active IQ Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0169/9)	NCFE Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0887/6)
Active IQ Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0826/8)	NCFE Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice (501/0890/6)
Active IQ Level 3 Award in Education and Training (601/0143/X)	NCFE Level 3 Award in Education and Training (601/1620/1)
Active IQ Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (601/7964/8)	NCFE Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (601/1621/3)

Business and Management

All withdrawn Active IQ qualifications are replaceable with a similar NCFE qualification.

- All those NCFE replacements containing 'Principles of' in the title are knowledge-only qualifications.
- All other NCFE replacements contain both knowledge and skills.

In some cases, there may be a choice of two replacements, one of each type.

All replacement qualifications are graded Pass/Fail.

Legacy Qualification	Recommended Replacement Qualification
Active IQ Level 2 Diploma in Customer Service (601/3544/X)	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Customer Service (601/7070/0)
Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service and Professional Development (601/3757/5)	Or
Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (603/2800/9)	NCFE Level 2 Diploma for Customer Service Practitioners (603/5681/9)
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Customer Service (601/3545/1)	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Customer Service (601/7073/6)
Active IQ Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration (601/3546/3)	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business Administration (601/7071/2)
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration (601/3547/5)	NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Business Administrators (603/5359/4)
Active IQ Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading (601/3548/7)	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading (603/3883/0)
Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Management (601/3701/0)	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Management Skills and Knowledge (603/2998/1)