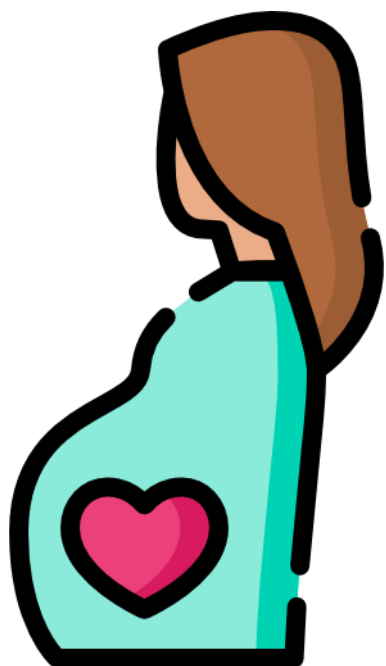




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Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Maternity Support Work (RQF)

603/6625/4



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About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Maternity Support Work (RQF)
QAN	603/6625/4
Sector	1.3 Health and Social Care
Level	Level 3
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/08/2025

Ofqual Purpose	B – Prepare for Further Learning or Training and/or Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	B2 – Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	x
16 – 18	x
19+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

About this Qualification
<p>This qualification has been devised by Cheshire and Merseyside Local Maternity Systems (LMS). The LMS leads the collaborative transformation of maternity services, with a focus on delivering high quality, safe and sustainable maternity services and improved outcomes and experience for woman and their families.</p> <p>In addition, the qualification has been mapped to NHS Health Education Maternity Support Worker Competency, Education and Career Development Framework. To view the Framework please visit Health Education England’s website by clicking here, and downloading the full Framework document.</p> <p>To view the qualification mapping document please click here.</p>

Any specified entry requirements

Learners should have a good standard of English and Maths. In addition, it would be advisable for the learner to have a Health and Social Care qualification.

Learners must be over 18 when starting this qualification.

As this is an occupational qualification it is expected that learners will be working in the role of Maternity Support Worker in order to complete the assessments included in this qualification.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Learners will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by the education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Observation of performance
- b) Questioning (written or oral)
- c) Practical Work-Related Activities
- d) Photographs or videos
- e) Personal statements
- f) Project work
- g) Witness testimonies
- h) Group discussion
- i) Recognition of Prior Learning

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

Qualification Units

Rules of Combination	
Certificate	
Credit Value of the Qualification	16
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	16
Mandatory Units A	14
Optional Group B	2

Mandatory Group A

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
J/618/4676	Delivering Care and Support for Women Babies and Families	4	Level Three
R/618/4681	Personal Development for Maternity Support Workers	3	Level Three
L/618/4677	Principles of Person-Centred Approaches for Maternity Support Workers	2	Level Three
L/618/4680	Safe Practice and Safeguarding for the Maternity Support Worker Role	3	Level Three
Y/618/4679	Understanding the Role and Responsibilities of the Maternity Support Worker	2	Level Three

Optional Group B

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
H/618/4684	Mindful Parenting	2	Level Three
K/618/4685	Principles of Health Promotion and Well-being	3	Level Three
Y/618/4682	Social Prescribing	2	Level Three
D/618/4683	Structures and Cultures within Communities	2	Level Three

These units have been mapped to NHS Health Education Maternity Support Worker Competency, Education and Career Development Framework. To view the mapping document please click [here](#).

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Centre

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards centre. For more information, head to our website or contact the team on 0151 494 2072

How to Deliver

You can deliver this qualification by completing a [New Qualification Request Form](#) via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Centre Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.
Full year long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards [portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

Centre Staff Requirements

Centres are responsible for ensuring that their staff are suitably skilled and experienced.

As this is an occupational qualification, tutors/assessors and IQAs are expected to have qualifications in the occupational area. It is recommended that tutors/assessors are qualified Midwives and a full, up-to-date understanding of maternity work and services within the NHS. IQAs should have as a minimum a Nursing qualification, although Midwifery qualifications would be advisable.

Tutors/assessors and IQAs should also hold a suitable teaching/IQA qualifications.

Centres are responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Training and support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held online throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

All centres delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A centre must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

Centre approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewers/External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Centre Handbook.

Standardisation

Centres are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Centre Handbook](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the centre to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewer for the centre.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).

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