

Training Companies

Points to consider when selecting the most appropriate training company to access Early Years and Childcare qualification courses.

Ofsted Reports and Qualifications

Ensure the provider is Ofsted registered and review their [latest inspection reports on GOV.UK](#). Verify that the training course leads to an accredited qualification, especially if you are looking for formal qualifications by referring the [GOV.UK qualification checker](#). You can also research the provider's reputation and experience, considering factors like course achievement rates and learner reviews.

Approval by Awarding Bodies

Training providers must deliver qualifications approved by recognised awarding organisations such as:

- NCFE CACHE
- City & Guilds
- Pearson

These awarding bodies are responsible for ensuring the course meets DfE standards and undergo regular quality assurance inspections.

Support and Resources

Look for providers who offer dedicated support to learners, including Skills Coaches for one-on-one guidance and Skills Assessors for practical observations.

Training Delivery

Consider how the training is delivered, for example block release, day release, by virtual classrooms.

Funding

Investigate the available funding options and the eligibility criteria for either an apprentice or diploma route.

Get in Contact

If you have any questions or need reassurances, you can contact the training company directly. They'll be happy to talk through course details, funding options, and anything else you'd like to know before deciding to enrol.

The training companies listed below are not endorsed by Buckinghamshire Council and not exhaustive when naming companies and educational settings in this way.

[Buckinghamshire College Group](#)

[Buckinghamshire New University](#)

[Buckinghamshire Adult Learning](#)

[The Aunties Training Centre](#)

[Early Years Alliance](#)

[Pacey](#)

[Parenta](#)

[Learn Direct](#)

[Impact Futures](#)

[Hawk Training Centre](#)

[Realise Training](#)

[James Education](#)

[Open University](#)

If you're a training company offering Early Years and Childcare qualification courses and would like to be added to this list, please send an email to eycpd@buckinghamshire.gov.uk