

Baby and Pre-School Diploma

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The qualification has been developed in partnership with Birthlight.

Available Regulators

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Qualification Number: 603/1020/0

Title: STA Level 3 Diploma in Aquatic Teaching – Baby and Pre-School (QCF)

Credit Value: 42 Credits

Pre-Requisites

Be 18 years of age or older

Hold current **membership of STA**

Hold the **Baby and Pre-School Award** or acceptable equivalent if the **online up-skill** and STA Baby and Pre-School Award portfolio are completed

Holders of a Birthlight Level 2 certificate are only required to complete the STA Baby and Pre-School Award portfolio

Hold a baby and pre-school teaching qualification for at least 6 months, and have 50 practical baby and pre-school teaching hours

Qualification certificates will not be issued until all pre-requisites have been supplied. If requested pre-requisites are not supplied within 12 months of the course end date, the qualification will expire.

Validity of Award

This qualification does not expire.

To remain as an STA-approved swimming teacher, and to receive the benefit of STA public liability insurance, holders of this qualification are required to:

Remain in membership of STA

Keep their knowledge and skills up-to-date with regular CPDs

Keep their pre-requisite lifesaving qualification in-date

Regularly update their DBS check

Length of Course

Total Qualification Time: 370 Hours

58 Guided Learning Hours (including Baby and Pre-School Award units)

312 Directed Assessment and Learning Hours

Mandatory Units

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Communication within Baby and Pre-school Swimming Lessons

Gentle Approach to Swimming

Submersions within Baby and Pre-School Swimming Lessons

Childhood Development Stages and Transition into Independence

Learning and Play within Swimming Lessons

Sensory Awareness within Swimming Lessons

Babies and Pre-Schoolers with Additional Needs

Reflecting upon Own Skills and Practice

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Post-Course Work

Candidates have 9 months from the course end date to complete:

4 case studies

6 lesson plans

6 lesson evaluation forms which correspond to the lesson plans

Assessment Criteria

Continual assessment by the tutor

Complete a portfolio and worksheet questions to the satisfaction of the course tutor or assessor

Complete post-course work, case studies, lesson plans, lesson evaluation and reflective journal to the satisfaction of the assessor