

Local Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) Qualification List

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1. Introduction

This document sets out the qualifications approved by Lancashire Combined County Authority (LCCA) for inclusion within the local Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) offer for the 2026/27 academic year.

Under devolved Adult Skills Fund arrangements, LCCA can approve additional qualifications for inclusion within the local FCFJ offer where they meet local skills priorities and labour market needs. Approved qualifications are assessed through LCCA's Local Free Courses for Jobs Flexibility process and form part of Lancashire's published FCFJ offer.

The qualifications contained within this document are eligible for delivery under FCFJ, subject to compliance with published funding rules, contractual requirements and learner eligibility criteria.

Approval of a qualification through the local FCFJ process does not restrict delivery to the provider that submitted the original request. Once approved, qualifications become part of the Lancashire local FCFJ offer and may be delivered by any LCCA-funded provider holding an FCFJ allocation, subject to the terms of their funding agreement and applicable funding rules.

This document will be updated periodically throughout the academic year to reflect newly approved qualifications and any amendments to the local FCFJ offer. Providers should ensure they are referring to the latest published version.

2. Lancashire Local FCFJ Offer

The Lancashire Local Free Courses for Jobs Offer complements the national FCFJ offer by enabling additional qualifications to be approved where there is clear evidence of local employer demand, skills shortages or strategic alignment with Lancashire's economic and skills priorities.

The local offer provides flexibility to respond to emerging labour market needs and support the delivery of qualifications that contribute to Lancashire's priority sectors and growth ambitions. All qualifications included within this document have been approved following consideration of strategic alignment, labour market demand and the appropriateness of FCFJ funding.

Once approved, qualifications are incorporated into the Lancashire local FCFJ offer and are available for delivery across the LCCA provider base. This approach ensures that learners and employers can benefit from a consistent offer while supporting providers to respond to local skills needs and employment opportunities.

The qualifications listed within this document should be read alongside the national Free Courses for Jobs offer, the LCCA Adult Skills Fund Funding Rules, and any guidance issued by LCCA.

3. Approved Local FCFJ Qualifications

Learning Aim Reference	Learning Aim Title	Formal Approval Date
61071924	Diploma in Adult Care	08/07/2026
60334769	Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings	08/07/2026
40012876	Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions)	08/07/2026
40014186	Access to HE Diploma (Midwifery)	08/07/2026
40014198	Access to HE Diploma (Nursing)	08/07/2026
40011859	Access to HE Diploma (Psychology)	08/07/2026
40014782	Access to HE Diploma (Business Management)	08/07/2026
40014812	Access to HE Diploma (Computing)	08/07/2026
40014964	Access to HE Diploma (Social Sciences)	08/07/2026
40014952	Access to HE Diploma (Science)	08/07/2026
40014861	Access to HE Diploma (Health Professions)	08/07/2026
60175187	Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management	08/07/2026
60175205	Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)	08/07/2026
60175503	Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)	08/07/2026
60175497	Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)	08/07/2026
60171844	Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management	08/07/2026
60171856	Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)	08/07/2026
60171868	Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)	08/07/2026
6017187X	Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)	08/07/2026
60011348	NVQ Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating (Gas Fired Water and Central Heating Appliances)	08/07/2026
50122320	NVQ Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment (Buildings, Structures and the Environment)	08/07/2026
6032496X	Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning	03/09/2026
60139870	Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology	03/09/2026