



Do you have staff who have recently completed, or who are currently undertaking any of the following qualifications?

- **Level 2, 3, 4 and 5 RQF in Health and Social Care Diplomas.**
- **Apprenticeships in Adult Care Worker, Lead Adult Care Worker, Lead Practitioner in Adult Care and Leader in Adult Care. This includes both the Diploma and the End Point Assessment Process**
- **Lead to Succeed and Well Led management training programmes**
- **Short Certificates and Awards in Diabetes, Dementia, Autism and End of Life**
- **Skills for Care Digital Learning Modules for Registered Managers, Deputies and aspiring managers**

Funding is currently available from Essex Care Training Partnership who are grant holders for the Skills for Care **Workforce Development Fund** to support adult social care providers in Essex, Southend and Thurrock with the costs associated with staff undergoing these qualifications and training programmes. Costs could include employees salaries whilst undertaking training, coaching and mentoring costs, wage replacement costs.

A full list of the funded qualifications is available here:

<https://preview-skillsforcare.cloud.contensis.com/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/2020-21/Funded-Qualifications/Funded-qualifications-and-learning-programmes-2020-21.pdf>

To be eligible to claim you must have completed your Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set.

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/2020-21/ASC-WDS-and-WDF-requirements-20-21.pdf>

Skills for Care have extended the timescale for submission of claims from 31/03/21 to 31/05/21. Certificates with a date of issue in April or May 2021 will be accepted as evidence in support of WDF 2020/21 claims.

This extension to the deadline is to allow more time to get the certificates to evidence learning that took place in 2020/21.

Important to Note:

- There will be no change to the cut-off date for submitting members' declaration forms to Skills for Care that is still 26 February 2021. Please be aware after this deadline you will not be able to join the Partnership for the current year even though the deadline for submission of claims has been extended.

- As this is based on 2020/21 eligibility it means Skills for Care will continue to accept claims until 31 May 2021 for partners who update and meet ASC-WDS requirements for WDF by 31 March 2021. Claims can be accepted in April and May based on 2020/21 criteria.

To find out more please contact Essex Care Training Partnership for information advice and guidance on making the most of this funding for your organisation. Email ectp@essexcare.org.uk