

To be certified as teacher/educarer in pre-school centres in Singapore, one needs to meet **all** professional, academic and language requirements (or equivalent) for the respective categories. Factors such as recency of qualifications, etc. may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER

	Professional Qualifications ¹	Academic Qualifications	English Language Proficiency	Deployment Level	Category of Teacher	Remarks
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER (English as First Language)						
1	Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (English)	5 GCE 'O' level credits in 5 different subjects	B4 in GCE 'O' Level English Language 1	Kindergarten, Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 6YO	L2 (EL)	Educators are given up to 2 years to meet B4 (or equivalent) in language from the date of L2C certification.
2			C6 in GCE 'O' Level English Language 1		L2C (EL)	
3	Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (English)	3 GCE 'O' level credits in 3 different subjects	C6 in GCE 'O' Level English Language 1	Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 4YO	L1 (EL)	

	Professional Qualifications	Academic Qualifications	2nd Language Proficiency	Deployment Level	Category of Teacher	Remarks
SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER - Chinese, Malay, Tamil, Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL)						
4	Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (English/2 nd Language)	5 GCE 'O' level credits in 5 different subjects	B4 in GCE 'O' Level 2 nd Language	Kindergarten, Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 6YO	L2 (2L)	Educators are given up to 2 years to meet B4 (or equivalent) in language from the date of L2C certification
5			C6 in GCE 'O' Level 2 nd Language		L2C (2L)	
6	Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (English/2 nd Language)	3 GCE 'O' level credits in 3 different subjects	C6 in GCE 'O' Level 2 nd Language	Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 6YO	L1 (2L)	

¹ Please refer to the "[List of Early Childhood Qualifications Recognised for Teacher Certification](#)".

S/No.	Professional Qualifications	Academic Qualifications	Foreign Language Proficiency	Deployment Level	Category of Teacher	Remarks
FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER						
7	Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (English/Foreign Language)	5 GCE 'O' level credits in 5 different subjects	B4 equivalent in foreign language obtained in a national/state examination	Kindergarten, Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 6YO	L2 (FL)	Educators are given up to 2 years to meet B4 (or equivalent) in language from the date of L2C certification.
8			C6 equivalent in foreign language obtained in a national/state examination		L2C (FL)	
9	Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (English/Foreign Language)	3 GCE 'O' level credits in 3 different subjects	C6 equivalent in foreign language obtained in a national/state examination	Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup 18 mths - 4YO	L1 (FL)	

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCARER

	Professional Qualifications	Academic Qualifications	Language Proficiency	Deployment Level	Category of Teacher	Remarks
EY2 Educarer						
10	WSQ Advanced Certificate in Early Years (WSQACEY)	Completed Secondary 4 Education (local) or Completed 10 years ² of formal education	Workplace Literacy (WPL) Average ³ SOA of 5, including min. SOA of 5 for Writing	Infant, Playgroup & Pre-Nursery Group 2mths - 3YO	EY2	Educators below 21 years old will be granted EY2C certification. They will be re-certified at EY2 certification level automatically once they turn 21 years old.
11	WSQ Advanced Certificate in Early Years (WSQACEY) Chinese		C6 in GCE 'O' Level Chinese or a pass in HSK Level 5 ⁴ and a pass at Advanced level for the Oral component			
12	WSQ Advanced Certificate in Early Years (WSQACEY)		Workplace Literacy (WPL) Average ³ SOA of 5, including min. SOA of 5 for Writing	Playgroup & Pre-Nursery Group 18mths - 3YO	EY2C	
13	WSQ Advanced Certificate in Early Years (WSQACEY) Chinese		C6 in GCE 'O' Level Chinese or a pass in HSK Level 5 ⁴ and a pass at Advanced level for the Oral component			

² Repeated years of studying at the same level will not be counted towards the numbers of years of formal education.

³ Attained an average Statement of Attainment (SOA) of 5 for Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing components.

⁴ Attained a pass in Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Level 5 for Reading, Listening and Writing components.

	Professional Qualifications ¹	Academic Qualifications	Language Proficiency	Deployment Level	Category of Teacher	Remarks
EY1 Educarer						
14	WSQ Higher Certificate in Infant Care (WSQ HCIC)	Completed Secondary 2 Education (local) or Completed 8 years ² of formal education	Workplace Literacy (WPL) Average ⁵ SOA of 4	Infant Group 2mths - 18mths	EY1	
15	WSQ Higher Certificate in Infant Care (WSQ HCIC) Chinese		A pass in HSK Level 4 ⁶ and a pass at Advanced level for the Oral component.			

⁵ Attained an average Statement of Attainment (SOA) of 4 for Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing components.

⁶ Attained a pass in Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Level 4 for Reading, Listening and Writing components, and a pass at Advanced level for the Oral component.