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Level 2 Early Years Practitioner: Occupational pathway

Example pathways of progression into skilled work



Hannah is 17 years old. She achieved **5 GCSEs grades 2-4** and a **grade 3 in English**. She has been Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) for 1 year after dropping out of education.



Hannah enrolls on the **Occupational pathway**
Level 2 Occupational Certificate: Early Years Practitioner
GCSE English



Hannah could progress into **employment** as an **Early Years Practitioner**, with the option to move on to a **Level 3 Early Years Apprenticeship**.





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Level 2 Culinary Skills: Occupational pathway

Example pathways of progression into skilled work



Callum is 16 years old. He achieved **4 GCSEs** at **grades 2–4** and needs to continue studying **English** and **maths**. He is keen to start work as soon as possible.



Callum enrolls on the **Occupational pathway**
Level 2 Occupational Certificate: Culinary Skills

GCSE English and **maths**



Callum could progress into **employment** as a **Kitchen Assistant** or **Commis Chef** with a view to progressing onto a **Level 3 Culinary** or **Professional Cookery Apprenticeship**.



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Level 2 Hospitality: Occupational pathway

Example pathways of progression into skilled work



Eleni is 16 years old. She is outgoing and enjoys working with people. She achieved **3 GCSEs at grades 2–3.**



Eleni enrolls on the **Occupational pathway Level 2 Occupational Certificate: Hospitality** and follows the **food and beverage team** pathway.

GCSE English and maths



Eleni could progress into **employment** in the **hospitality sector**, with the option to move on to a **level 3 Hospitality Apprenticeship.**