



Playcentre Education Fact Sheet

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)

Te Wāhanga Mātauranga | Playcentre Education offers a programme to award the **NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)**. The programme is designed to:

- Support you to be an amazing parent/caregiver and kaiako (educator)
- Give you new ideas to support children's learning through play on Playcentre sessions
- Meet the Person Responsible requirements of Playcentre's licensing requirement with the Ministry of Education

Achieving the qualification will also prepare you for a career working with families in community services, as a homebased educator or an educator working alongside registered teachers in an early childhood setting, a nanny, a certificated playgroup coordinator.

Playcentre Education's programme has been designed to fit alongside the lives of multi-tasking parents and whānau who care for young tamariki, by offering:

- Flexible study options – small modules (5-8 credits), rolling enrolments throughout the year, online and face-to-face delivery options, small group sizes and individual support
- Ability to carry out your practicum at Playcentre while bringing your tamariki or mokopuna
- Hands-on learning and skills that are practical in your day-to-day involvement at Playcentre
- Stepping stone awards along the way that support your Playcentre to meet group supervision requirements for licensing

Playcentre Education is **Zero Fees Provider** – meaning that there is no cost to participate and from 2023, participation will not consume any of your Fees Free entitlement (if eligible). Reading resources are available on loan from local Playcentres, and a limited number of Chromebooks are available for ākonga use.

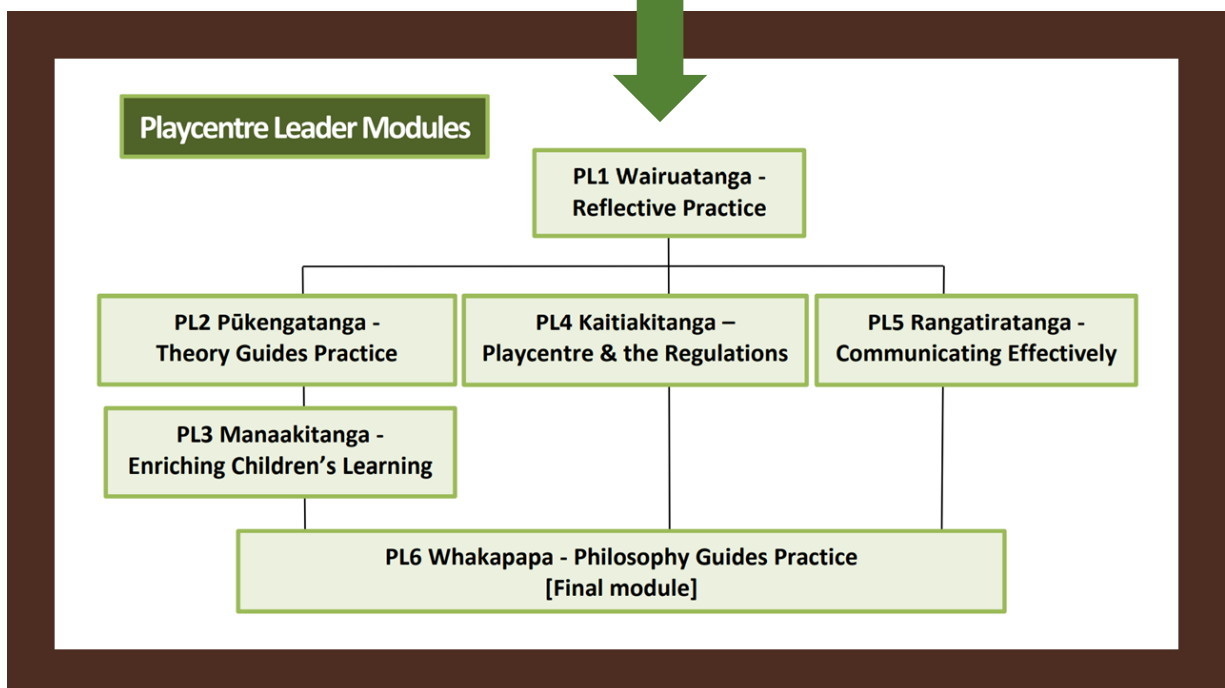
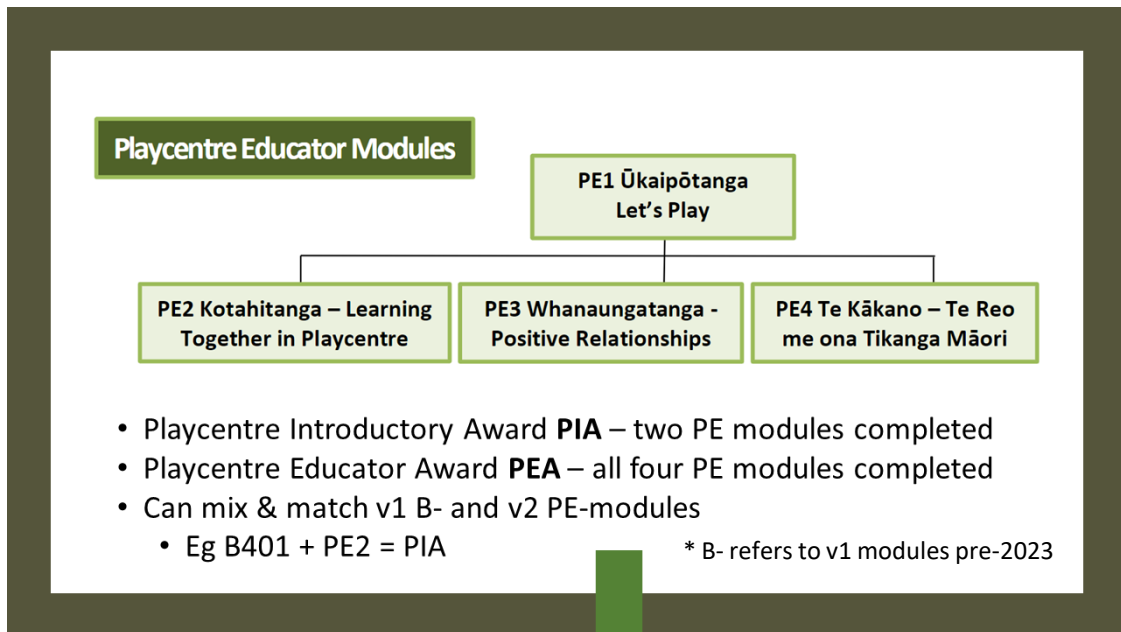
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The programme includes ten small modules, with the Playcentre Introductory Award (PIA) and Playcentre Educator Award (PEA) awarded along the way.

All new ākonga start with PE1 Ūkaipōtanga | Let's Play.



The practicum requirements of the certificate include participation in Playcentre sessions as a kaiako (educator) for 40 sessions (eg one session per week over a year). Minimum completion time is 5 months; most ākonga can complete comfortably in 12-18 months with very part-time study and regular participation at Playcentre.

Visit Playcentre Education [Enrolment Information | Playcentre](#) to find out more.

