

Table of qualifications required for social care managers and workers working in domiciliary support services in Wales

Domiciliary Care Manager

You must be registered with Social Care Wales in order to practice as the registered manager in a domiciliary support service in Wales. To register you must hold one of the qualifications listed below. The regulations require that people nominated to deputise for a registered manager must also be qualified as a domiciliary care manager and register with Social Care Wales. The Social Care Wales registration rules can be accessed on our website - [Social Care Wales registration rules](#)

Current required qualifications	<p>Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' Management) Wales and Northern Ireland - if working with adults</p> <p>or</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People's Management) Wales and Northern Ireland—if working with children</p> <p>A first level registered nurse must also hold either:</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' / Children and Young People's Management as appropriate) Wales and Northern Ireland</p> <p>or</p> <p>Level 5 NVQ in Management and Leadership (QCF) (assessed in a health or social care setting)</p> <p>First level registered nurses who hold the Level 5 NVQ in Management and Leadership (QCF) must also complete the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' Management) Wales and Northern Ireland before they can renew their registration.</p>
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Other qualifications accepted for registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NVQ 4 Leadership and Management for Care Services• NVQ 4 Registered Manager Award• NVQ 4 Management (assessed in a care setting)• NVQ 4 Health and Social Care (Adults or Children and Young People as appropriate)• NVQ 4 Care• Diploma in Domiciliary Care Management <p>Or for those registered before 2014:</p> <p>A social work qualification approved by Social Care Wales</p>
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Holders of any other social care qualification deemed by Social Care Wales or by a Care Council to be equivalent to those listed in this Schedule shall be regarded as having completed the training requirement for social care workers in respect of the description of social care work to which the requirement relates for the purposes of sections 84(b) (ii) of the Act.



Below manager level

You can apply to register if you hold one of the qualifications listed below. All domiciliary care workers must register with Social Care Wales by April 2020.

Current required qualifications	Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) Wales and Northern Ireland or Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) Wales and Northern Ireland or if working with children: Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) Wales and Northern Ireland
Other qualifications accepted for registration below manager level	NVQ 3 Health and Social Care (Adults or Children and Young People) - as appropriate NVQ 3 Care NVQ 3 Promoting Independence NVQ 3 Caring for Children and Young People NVQ 2 Health and Social Care NVQ 2 Care Level 2 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Level 3 Diploma in Occupational Therapy Support Level 3 Diploma in Physiotherapy Support Level 3 Diploma in Reablement Support First level registered nurse. Social work qualification approved by the Care Council/Social Care Wales, including Social Work Degree, DipSW, CQSW, CSS A list of acceptable qualifications from other UK nations are listed in the qualifications framework for domiciliary support services



If you do not hold one of the required qualifications, there are another two routes that can be used by domiciliary care workers to register up until April 2020:

- Workers who have been in a domiciliary care role for three out of the past five years can be assessed by their manager against the required competencies. The manager can then provide a signed declaration, confirming the worker's competence as a lawful, safe and effective practitioner. No further qualification will be needed to re-register in three years' time
- Workers who may be part-time, without a qualification and have not worked in domiciliary care for three of the past five years can apply to register by successfully completing a short online course and assessment which will provide them with a Social Care Wales values and principles award. Once registered, they will need to complete a required qualification by the time they have to re-register in three years' time.