

## **Information about additional and specialist learning**

Additional and specialist learning is a key component of the new Diploma qualification.

Updates to the catalogues will be provided termly. Diploma Development Partnerships (DDPs) and awarding bodies will work together to establish new qualifications that support progression, for example into higher education or specific employment sectors.

## **Barring**

QCA applies a classification code that describes the subject content of each qualification within the Diploma ASL Catalogues. To prevent duplication and to support maximum breadth of learning within the Diploma programme, qualifications with identical codes will be treated as barred combinations. A barred combination means that a learner cannot take any qualifications together which have the same code. The learner can nominate only one of these identically coded qualifications to contribute to completion of their Diploma.

For those qualifications with multiple pathways, where it is likely that learners may, over time, complete more than a single pathway (e.g. differing instruments through a music performance qualification), QCA have applied a classification code of "ZZZZ". A qualification with this classification code may be combined with any other qualification within the Diploma ASL Catalogue, including itself where a learner is completing differing pathways.