



FA EDUCATION

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Helping to ensure that learning, development and progression via the new FA Coach Education Pathway is simple to understand and accessible for learners.

What is the rationale for this document?

With the introduction of the **new** FA Coach Education Pathway, The FA Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications in Coaching Football have been reviewed. The **new** (post 1 August 2016) version of The FA Level 2 in Coaching Football now incorporates much of the **existing** (pre 1 August 2016) FA Level 2 in Coaching Football content, as well as what was previously known as The FA Youth Module 1 and FA Youth Module 2 courses.

As a result, there will be a number of coaches who may have taken the **existing** FA Level 1 in Coaching Football qualification, and/or The FA Level 2 in Coaching Football qualifications, as well as one or more of The FA Youth Module courses. Learner's may wish to progress their formal coaching journey, but will need clarification on what the next steps through the pathway are before they are eligible to access the **new** (post 1 August 2017) FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football qualification.

Why implement this RPL process?

By following the simple processes detailed overleaf, learners/County FAs can easily identify the appropriate course of learning and assessment for themselves/the learner, and navigate The FA's Coach Education Pathway in order to seek further learning and development opportunities. This will support The FA's ambition of encouraging lifelong individualised learning.

The table below shows how The FA Youth Module courses link to the **new** (post 1 August 2016) FA Level 2 in Coaching Football:

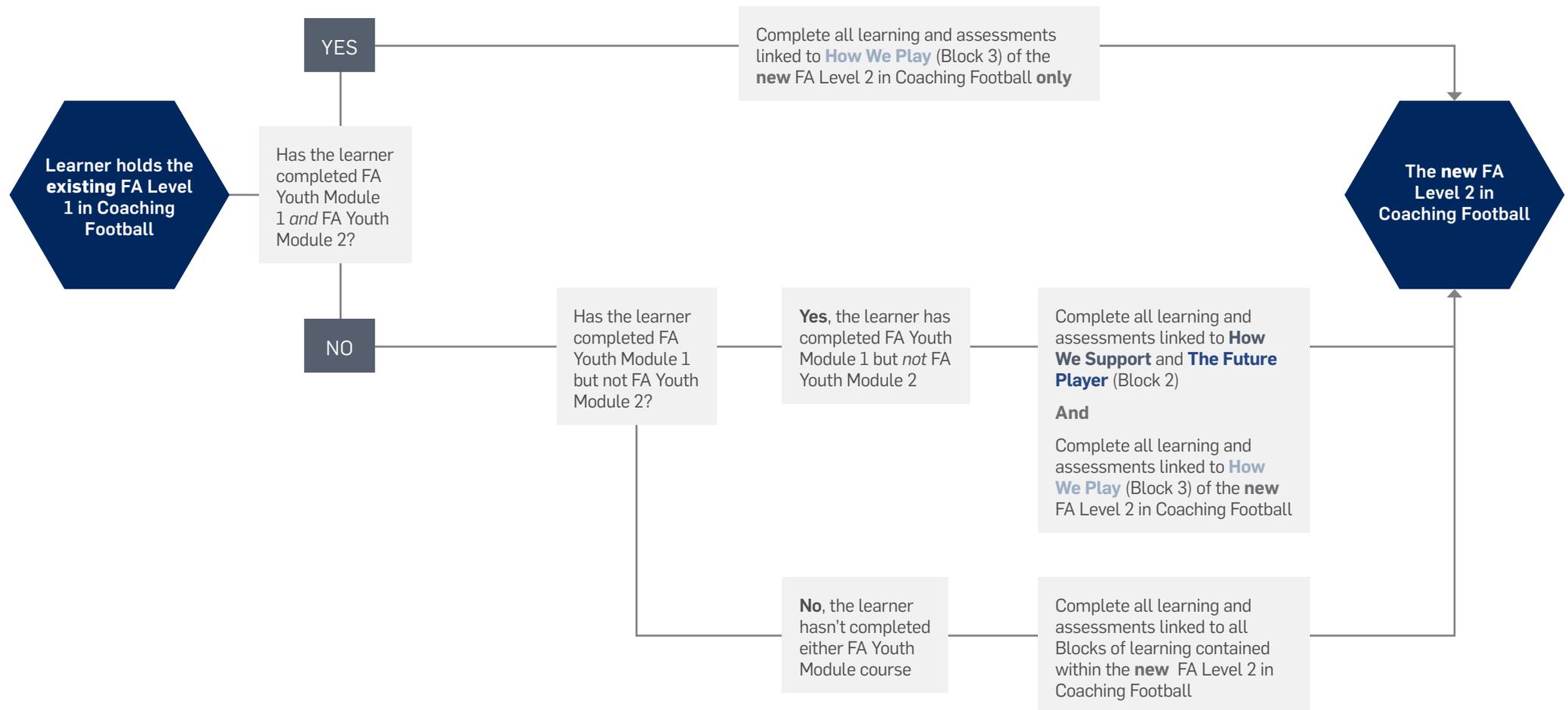
Block of Learning within new FA Level 2 in Coaching Football	Block 1 (4 days)	Block 2 (3 days)	Block 3 (3 days)
New FA Level 2 in Coaching Football Component Title	How We Coach	How We Support The Future Player	How We Play
Link to FA Youth Module courses and existing FA Level 2 in Coaching Football	FA Youth Module 1	FA Youth Module 2	Existing FA Level 2 in Coaching Football

The table below shows how The FA Youth Module courses link to the **new** (post 1 August 2017) FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football:

Block of Learning within new FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football	Block 1 (3-4 days TBC) ¹	Block 2 (3-4 days TBC)	Block 3 (3-4 days TBC)	Block 4 (3-4 days TBC)
New FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football Component Title	How We Coach	How We Support	How We Play	The Future Player
Link to FA Youth Module courses	FA Youth Module 3			

¹ This qualification is in development and thus the exact length of time for each block of learning and assessment is yet to be confirmed.

RPL PROCESS – PROGRESSING FROM LEVEL 1 TO LEVEL 2



FAQ

What should a learner do if they hold the **existing** FA Level 2 in Coaching Football qualification, but only have one or neither of The FA Youth Modules?

Learners will be allowed to progress from the **existing** FA Level 2 in Coaching Football to the **new** FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football without the need to revisit elements of the **new** FA Level 2 in Coaching Football components/blocks of learning which includes elements of what was previously known as FA Youth Module 1 and 2 content.

What does this mean for Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) if the learner wants to work in a professional club?

Learners can complete block 1 and/or block 2 of the **new** FA Level 2 in Coaching Football if they want to learn more about the topics they would have gained access to through completion of The FA Youth Module 1 and 2 courses prior to The FA launching the **new** Coach Education Pathway. However, it is not a mandatory requirement for learners to complete the associated learning and assessments prior to accessing The FA Youth Award assessment opportunity at the end of block 1 of the **new** FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football qualification. After completing the How We Coach component (block 1) within the **new** FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football, they'll be able to access the assessment opportunity to complete The FA Youth Award, without needing to access additional formal learning and assessment opportunities linked to the previous FA Youth Module 1 and 2 content contained within the **new** FA Level 2 in Coaching Football.

What if a learner has already completed the **existing** FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football, but hasn't completed The FA Youth Modules and/or the assessment for The FA Youth Award, but they now wish to work in the professional game?

Learners will be able to access the How We Coach component (block 1) of the **new** FA Level 3 (UEFA B) in Coaching Football, and will be given the opportunity to complete their FA Youth Award assessment after attendance and completion of all learning and assessments linked to that block 1 of the course.