



T Level provider updates 22/23



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Important actions and reminders

Electronic download and submission process is now live

Following last month's update about the new functionality relating to the download of digital files for use with certain assessments, the electronic submission process is also now live. [Find out more about this process here.](#)

Digital assessment materials and pre-release materials are also now available via [the Portal](#)*. Where assessment materials are shared digitally, the security and integrity of these materials must be upheld in the same manner as assessment materials dispatched via secure courier service. Further information is available with the [Regulations for the Conduct of External Assessments](#).

**You will now be requested to acknowledge a declaration on the Portal when downloading digital assessment materials and pre-release materials.*

Employer Set Project (ESP) support preparation for the autumn series

The ESP assessment window opened on 7 November and we want to remind you of some important guidance and information to help you with successful delivery. [Find out more information here.](#)

Updates to Surpass for T Level online core assessments

T Level autumn assessments for the Core A and B components will take place from 6 December 2022. In preparation for this, we've made improvements to the accessibility of online papers to support you in applying any appropriate access arrangements for your students or in the event of unexpected technical difficulties. You'll see that start times within Surpass for these assessments are showing as 8am-4pm to allow the modifications to students' assessment durations based on access arrangements. In line with standard regulations on assessment start times, all assessments must begin within 30 minutes of the published start times (see the [Key Date Schedule](#) for more information).

Book your students onto their Occupational Specialism

If you have students planning to sit assessments in the summer 2023 session, please ensure they are all booked onto their Occupational Specialism (OS) by the deadlines outlined in our [T Level Technical Qualifications Key Dates Schedule 2022-23 and 2023-24](#). If you deliver the T Level Technical Qualification in [Education and Childcare \(Level 3\) 603/5829/4](#), you'll be allocated a Moderator within 7 working days once your learners are booked.



Supporting your delivery

We now have a refreshed content library on our [YouTube channel](#) to make it easier for you to access information to support you in the teaching and delivery of the [Digital](#), [Education and Childcare](#) and [Health and Science T Levels](#).

We also wanted to let you know that Hodder Education now has resources available across all routes. New to their suite of resources is the brand-new revision guide for Education and Childcare and coming later this term is the Healthcare Science textbook. [Head to their website to find out more](#) for your chosen T Level route. Alternatively, [find and get in touch with your local sales consultant for a bespoke quote](#).

Getting your students' voices heard: IfATE's new student body

This new student forum is set up to ensure the views of T Level students are represented across the work and governance of IfATE. The forum will play an important role in helping us to understand the TQ student experience. [More information can be found here](#).

Health specific updates: upcoming events and resources

Upcoming workshops, drop-in clinics and webinars

In the coming months, we're hosting a range of workshops, drop-in clinics and webinars including preparing students for year 2 assessments to support you with your delivery. [Visit our events page to find out more](#).

In-person 2022-23 Prep-2-Teach event

We're planning for the in-person 2022-23 Prep-2-Teach event for the Health and Science T Level in partnership with STEM learning and we'd like your input. [Please complete this survey](#) as soon as possible to help inform us on when and how the event runs and which areas of training will be covered.

New T Level Health resources to support maths skills

Following provider feedback, we've created two new student packs to support your students in developing their maths skills for their ESP and exams:

[Understanding and using data in your ESP](#)
[Understanding and using formulae in your exam.](#)

Your feedback is important to us to continue to develop the best content for the new ESP support packs. [Complete this survey](#) and tell us about your experience and any improvements we can make.

Education and Childcare specific updates: resources

Education and Childcare Career Toolkit

From students embarking on the next stage of their education, to qualified practitioners and providers, this toolkit signposts you to useful resources and which will raise career aspirations. You can also view our [past](#) and [upcoming](#) student conferences within the toolkit which are designed to support your students with their future careers.

Could you or someone you know support our development work?

We're always looking to collaborate with subject specialists and sector experts to support our qualification development and we're currently looking for contributors in the following areas:

Your involvement can be flexible to suit your availability and can be provided remotely. [Read more about the roles practitioners are involved in](#). If you'd like to help shape the future workforce, simply complete this [expression of interest form](#) and a member of our team will be back in touch to outline how you can get involved.

January 2023 – provider newsletter

Important actions and reminders

- [New T Level industry placement delivery approaches](#)



- [Book your students onto their Occupational Specialism](#)

Supporting your delivery

- [Learning resource offer update](#)
- [Upcoming T Level support events](#)

Digital specific updates

- [Our new engagement pack](#)

Education and Childcare specific updates

- [Resources update](#)

Health, Healthcare Science and Science specific updates

- [Upcoming in-person T Level Health and Science teach event](#)
- [The Employer Set Project \(ESP\) results](#)

Supporting our T Level development work

- [Could you or someone you know support our development work?](#)
- [Would employers in your network like to help us shape T Levels?](#)

February 2023 – provider newsletter

Important actions and reminders

- [Book your students onto their Occupational Specialism](#)
- [Submitting learner evidence for moderation](#)
- [Referring to the specification for T Levels](#)

Supporting your delivery

- [Funding boost to support T Level roll out](#)
- [Learning resource offer update](#)
- [Changes to how to access our past papers, mark schemes and chief examiner reports](#)

Digital specific updates

- [Upcoming Digital support events](#)
- [Our Digital Engagement pack](#)

Education and Childcare Specific updates

- [Upcoming Education and Childcare events](#)
- [The Grade Standard Exemplification Materials for Education and Childcare now available](#)
- [Updates to Hodder Education's textbooks for the Education and Childcare](#)
- [Introducing our Employer Guide to Education and Childcare Programmes including the T Level in Education and Childcare](#)

Health, Healthcare Science and Science specific updates

- [Update to task timings within the Health Occupational Specialism tutor guidance](#)
- [T Level resource survey](#)
- [Upcoming Health and Science support events](#)
- [Upcoming in-person T Level Health and Science teach event](#)

Supporting our T Level development work

- [Flexible worker vacancies](#)
- [Working on our Technical Education Advisory Board](#)

Sharing best practice and feedback

- [Sharing best practice \(adapting T Levels to support SEND learners\)](#)
 - [You said, we did](#)
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March 2023 – provider newsletter

Important announcement please read

- [Update to launch date for T Levels in Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy; Craft and Design, and; Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

Important actions and reminders

- [Updated sample assessment materials for Health, Healthcare Science and Science](#)
- [Book your students onto their Occupational Specialism](#)
- [Autumn 2022 results slips](#)
- [Key Dates Schedule](#)
- [The T Level approval window is now open](#)

[Supporting your delivery](#)

- Post results services
- Accessing assessment materials and submitting learner evidence for moderation
- Sharing marks with students prior to the assessment window closing
- Submitting learner evidence for moderation
- Learning resource offer update
- Use of third-party suppliers

[Education and Early Years Specific updates](#)

- Education and Childcare T Level route and pathway name change
- Learner marks and sampling for Education and Early Years
- Assessment window for moderation of the Occupational Specialism Early Years Educator and Assisting Teaching
- Upcoming events

[Health, Healthcare Science and Science specific updates](#)

- Record your Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) schedule
- Standardisation training – these sessions are now completed. To access the recording [register here](#).

[Supporting our T Level development work](#)

- Help us to connect with employers in the Digital, Education and Childcare and Health sectors
 - T Level examiner vacancies
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April 2023 – provider newsletter

Important announcement please read

- [Key Dates Schedule consultation](#)

Important actions and reminders

- [Increase to T Level fees for 2023-24](#)
- [Request approval to deliver T Level Technical Qualifications](#)
- [Preparing for moderation](#)
- [New guidance from the Department for Education](#)
- [Employer support fund](#)
- [Proposed teacher industrial action and the impact on assessments](#)
- [Accessing assessment material via the Portal](#)

[Supporting your delivery](#)

- Learning resource offer update

[Digital specific updates](#)

- Cyber security update
- Digital support materials

[Health, Healthcare Science and Science specific updates](#)

- Change to the sample paper for Health Paper B Mark Scheme
- Upcoming Health, Healthcare Science and Science events

[Sharing best practice and feedback](#)

- T Level Curriculum Macro-Sequencing Research
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May 2023 – provider newsletter

Important announcement please read

- **A reminder on social media sharing:** At all times, please remember that live assessment material, including project briefs, assessment materials and other related documents should not be shared on social media or through messaging apps. Any instances will be investigated as malpractice and could result in sanctions on providers and students.
- [Preparing for moderation:](#) We want you to feel confident and prepared for moderation, so we've provided a summary of everything you need to know.

- [Key Dates Schedule follow-up consultation](#): Following last month's request to share your opinions and feedback on the content of our proposed T Level Key Dates Schedule for 2023-24 and 2024-25, we've now opened the second window of consultation and it's crucial you review this.
- [T Level Registration Insight for September 2023](#): We're asking you to complete your current proposed T Level forecasts for September 2023, before Friday 2 June.

Assessments and reviews

- [Artificial intelligence \(AI\) use in assessments](#): We want to remind you of the JCQ AI Use in Assessments: Protecting the Integrity of Qualifications guidance which is intended to provide teachers/assessors with the information they need to manage the use of AI in assessments.
- [Where can I access assessment material?](#) For many external assessments, we now share assessment material digitally via the NCFE Portal rather than printing and dispatching physical papers. [Find out how to download assessment material and upload electronic evidence](#). You can also [watch our video tutorial](#) which provides a step-by-step walkthrough of uploading digital evidence to the NCFE Portal.

Supporting your delivery

- [Gatsby Technical Education Conferences, Tuesday 4 July](#): In partnership with the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, the Association of Colleges (AoC) is delivering a one-day in-person conference for colleagues from providers delivering Health and Science, and Digital T Levels. The conference will focus on updates from research and practice related to T Level delivery, including subject-specific pedagogy for technical education and embedding industry placements.
- **Identifying latest versions of products and materials**: As part of our annual review, you may notice our documents and products are being updated with full dates of publication (date, month and year) and a 'change history record'. This is to help you access our most up-to-date materials and products.

Have your say

- [Validating qualification materials for new Level 3 qualifications](#): We need your network's support in validating qualification materials as part of the upcoming educational reform.

Digital specific updates

- [Cyber security update](#): The new Cyber Security occupational route of the Digital Support Services T Level will be available for delivery from September 2023.
- Following our annual review of this specification, we'd like to share with you the main amends that have been made and what the impact of these changes will be.
- [Digital support package](#): We've created a range of new videos, support packs and checklists specific to the ESP element of our Digital T Levels which you [can find here](#).



- **Additional Chief Examiner support:** We've published additional materials to support with the Core Exam assessments on the assessment material pages for both [Digital Business Services](#) and [Business Support Services](#)

Education and Early Years updates

- **What do the changes for the Early Years Educator criteria mean for the sector?:** [Join our upcoming webinar](#) to discuss the changes and what these mean for the EYE sector.

Health, Healthcare Science and Science specific updates

- **[Upcoming Health, Healthcare Science and Science events:](#)** Take a look at our upcoming events to support your delivery including our Year 2 Workshops and drop-in clinics.

June 2023 – provider newsletter

Important announcement please read

- **[Submit approval to deliver T Levels from September 2023:](#)** We want to remind you that the approval window is now open and will close on 30 June.

Assessments and reviews

- **[Upcoming Core Exam Assessments:](#)** As we begin the summer series of core exams, we'd like to share some useful reminders with you to help ensure these assessments go smoothly.
- **Exams department support:** Our [exams officer webpage](#) includes key information for assessments to support your exams department, please remember to share this link with them.
- **[Preparing for moderation:](#)** View information on the next steps after submitting marks and evidence.
- **[Assessment audit report timescales:](#)** We've extended our assessment audit report timeframes to accommodate an increase in the number of required visits owing to the addition of various qualifications to our portfolio
- **[Updates to qualification materials for T Levels following annual reviews:](#)** You'll find information on the qualification specifications that have been updated, the support available for you and more.

Supporting your delivery

- **[T Level week with Linking London:](#)** Join Linking London for their first ever T Level week. They'll be hosting a range of online events aimed at T Level students, parents, carers, as well T Level staff.

Digital updates

- **Submitting approval for Digital Production T Level:** We want to remind you if you're currently offering Digital Support Services or Digital Business Services T Levels and want to offer the Digital Production, Design and Development T

Level, you'll still need to seek approval from Pearson to deliver this qualification.

Education and Early Years updates

- [What do the changes for the Early Years Educator criteria mean for the sector?](#): The new Early Years Educator (EYE) criteria has now been published and the new standards will come into effect from 1 September 2024. In our recent webinar, we discussed the changes and what these mean for the EYE sector and T Levels.
- [Upcoming events:](#) View our upcoming Education and Early Years events to support your delivery.

Health, Healthcare Science and Science updates

- [Upcoming Health, Healthcare Science and Science events:](#) View our upcoming events to support your delivery.

Supporting our development work

- [Can you or someone you know support our development work?](#) We're always looking to collaborate with experts in our qualification sectors. See how you could work with us in the coming months.

July 2023 – provider newsletter

Important announcement please read

- **Wave 4 update: Craft and Design, and Media, Broadcast and Production**

Last week, the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) confirmed that NCFE will be transferring our T Levels in Craft and Design, and Media, Broadcast and Production to Pearson. The technical content already developed by NCFE and the contribution of our expert stakeholders will form a key part of this transition. This decision has been taken jointly by IfATE and NCFE, to ensure we are able to focus on our existing provision.

NCFE will continue to deliver the T Levels in Education and Early Years, Health, Healthcare Science, Science, Digital Support Services and Digital Business Services, and support the best interests of students, as well as the overall success of the T Level Programme.

Arrangements are still being finalised with regard to the future delivery of the Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy T Level, and an update will be provided on this in the coming months.

We're here to support you and your students, so please email tlevelsupport@ncfe.org.uk with any queries.



Important actions and reminders

- **Approvals window is now closed:** The approval window for September 2023 delivery for T Level qualifications is now closed. The approval window for September 2024 delivery will open from February 2024 to June 2024.
- **Resolving queries – evidence and paperwork:** We're still working through a number of urgent queries regarding assessment evidence and paperwork. Please ensure you check your emails regularly and respond to our questions as soon as you can, so we can resolve any issues and your students can receive their results this summer in a timely manner.
- **Looking ahead to results:** Results will be released to providers on 16 August in preparation for students receiving these on 17 August, and we're here to support you every step of the way. They will be available on the Portal in the 'Results' area.

Assessments and reviews

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[Exams department support:](#) Our exams officer webpage includes key information for assessments to support your exams department, please remember to share this link with them.

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Education and Early Years updates

Students are now able to use 'onsite' facilities for some industry hours: Providers' on-site facilities can be used for a maximum of 105 hours of a SEND student's placement. This will enable students to prepare for their placement with an external employer, alongside pastoral support. This period of on-site provision may also identify non-visible disabilities in some students that may require extra or ongoing pastoral support.

[Find out more in the Department for Education's T Level industry placements: delivery guidance.](#)

Health, Healthcare Science and Science updates

[Upcoming Health, Healthcare Science and Science events:](#) View our upcoming events to support your delivery.

Updates to the Health specification: This specification has been more extensively updated to ensure that the full depth of content covered is relevant to Health. Please follow the link to learn more about the updates and what they mean to you.

We need your thoughts: In our communication about the new qualification specification for the T Level in Health, we asked for your views on the approach to resits for the new specification and the use of a responsive manikin as a resource. We want to ensure we hear from as many of you as possible and therefore we've extended the deadline for the survey until Friday 21 July to allow more time for responses.

Supporting our development work

Teaching Assistants, can you support our development work? We're always looking to collaborate with experts in our qualification sectors and we're particularly interested in hearing from Teaching Assistants to support with some development work on our Education and Early Years T Level, and its Assisting Teaching pathway.

Employer support needed: If you have employers in your network who support industry placements, we'd like to speak to them about T Levels. This will enable us to continue to shape and validate the content, ensuring it is relevant for the future workforce. Please encourage any employers you work with to get in touch with us using the form.
