

Level 3 qualification consultation - FAQs

The government's [response to the second stage consultation on the review of post 16 qualifications at level 3](#) confirmed that funding approval will be removed from level 3 technical qualifications that overlap with T Levels in waves 1 and 2.

Awarding organisations can appeal the inclusion of their qualifications ahead of the publication of the final list.

- **Which qualifications are being de-funded?**

You can use [this provisional list](#) to find the qualifications that will have their funding withdrawn for new starts from 1 August 2024. There are 160 qualifications on the list, 19 of which are offered by NCFE. You can filter by awarding organisation to help your search.

- **When will centres know what will be replacing any defunded quals?**

T Levels are replacing the de-funded quals. Qualifications that overlap with T Levels are being de-funded in waves; this is the first wave. NCFE delivers six of the replacement T Levels (nine when wave 4 begins delivery in September 2023) and you can read more about our T Level offer [here](#).

- **Is NCFE appealing the decision on the de-funding of any of these qualifications and when will the outcome of this be known?**

We are taking the time to review any potential appeals, in line with the provided guidance, and will communicate more details on any successful appeals as soon as we can. Appeals will be submitted by 8 July.

- **Is there a replacement T Level for all defunded qualifications on the list?**

The DFE's contention is that the T Levels *do* offer an alternative qualification to those on the list and that enough of the content in the T Levels overlaps with the listed qualifications' content. However, part of the grounds for appeal includes our analysis of whether we agree with that in relation to NCFE qualifications which are being de-funded. If we do not agree for any of our qualifications, we will appeal.

- **Will NCFE continue to offer registrations on all qualifications on the defunded list until 2024 with a certification end date of 2026?**

No qualifications will be withdrawn as a result of this defunded list being published. The qualifications are all funded for adults, and some are funded in apprenticeship frameworks, so will continue to be available for registration. However, it's important to note, that whilst we have no immediate intention to withdraw any qualifications as a result of this review, our normal processes include an annual review of our full portfolio of qualifications and any qualifications deemed not to be performing will be considered for withdrawal at this point.