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T Levels



What are T Levels?

Launched in September 2020, T Levels¹ are an exciting high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels for those aged 16–18. These two-year courses are designed with employers to intimately reflect the needs of the sectors and occupations they're designed to serve.

After completing their two-year T Level, students will have the necessary knowledge, skills, and behaviours to successfully progress into work or higher-level study.

Key things to know about T Levels:

- Courses last two years
- One T Level is equivalent to three A Levels
- Created in collaboration with employers
- Include a substantial industry placement
- Attract UCAS points
- Support progression into skilled work and higher or degree-level apprenticeships, or higher-level technical study, including university.

The structure of T Levels:

Each T Level is made up of 4 key components:

- A technical qualification (TQ)
- Work placement (minimum of 45 days)
- English, maths and digital
- Transferable workplace skills.

NCFE's T Level provision:

We've worked with government, business and current practitioners to develop the technical qualifications that underpin T Levels in a variety of sectors. Substantial collaboration has enabled us to ensure these technical qualifications reflect the needs of the appropriate sectors and specialist occupations they serve – in turn supporting students' preparation for work or further study in their sector.



The students are gaining confidence within a work environment. They're getting the confirmation that when they enter the world of work, they are going to be effective because they're participating in it now as part of the T Level."

Tim Moody,
Careers Coordinator at Truro and Penwith College

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The T Level technical qualification is a qualification approved and managed by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

What T Level technical qualifications do we offer?

Subject specialists have developed the technical qualifications component of the following T Levels in consultation with industry leaders to fill skills gaps.

These Level 3 technical qualifications provide students with the essential knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to successfully progress into skilled employment, or higher-level technical training or study in the relevant sectors.



Education and Childcare

Launched: September 2020

As the leading sector specialists, we're delighted to have developed the technical qualification for the Education and Childcare T Level - working with over 45 sector bodies, employers, expert practitioners and training providers to do so.

There are 3 occupational specialisms within the qualification, all of which consist of both classroom-based and practical learning:

- Early years education and childcare
- Assisting teaching
- Supporting and mentoring students in further and higher education.



The highlight of my T Level placement was playing with the children, getting to know them and putting what I've learnt into practice - which is important, as you also learn that working in a nursery is a lot more challenging than people might think!"

Ellie Louise Hornsby,

T Level student at Scarborough Sixth Form College



Digital

Launched: September 2021

We're proud to have spearheaded the development of the technical qualifications that sit at the centre of two digital T Levels: Digital Support Services and Digital Business Services. We've collaborated with over 80 organisations representing the digital sector, digital employers, and expert practitioners to achieve this.

Students will gain the essential knowledge and skills to work in digital roles by understanding data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning, and legal issues.

These are the occupational specialisms for each qualification:

Digital Support Services T Level specialisms:

- Digital infrastructure
- Network cabling
- Digital support.

Digital Business Services T Level specialism:

- Data technician.



Health and Science

Launched: September 2021

We've led on the development of the technical qualifications that sit at the centre of three health and science T Levels: Health, Healthcare Science and Science. Over 133 leading health and science sector bodies, employers, expert practitioners and training providers helped us to do so.

As well as assessing knowledge and understanding, the core skills of maths, English and general digital skills are also integrated within these qualifications in occupationally relevant contexts.

These are the occupational specialisms for each technical qualification:

Health T Level specialisms:

- Supporting healthcare
- Supporting the adult nursing team
- Supporting the midwifery team
- Supporting the mental health team
- Supporting the care of children and young people
- Supporting the therapy teams.

Healthcare Science T Level specialisms:

- Assisting with healthcare science
- Dental services
- Optical care services.

Science T Level specialisms:

- Animal sciences
- Food sciences
- Laboratory services
- Metrology sciences.



Be part of the revolution

If you're an employer and want to support us in developing T Levels...

Hundreds of leading employers in your sector are already supporting T Level development.

We need input from employers and experienced practitioners from across the craft and design, media, broadcast and production, and hair and beauty sectors to review, comment on, validate, or help to write qualification and assessment materials. Your support will be vital in ensuring that these technical qualifications reflect the needs of your sector in the future, nurturing and developing the next generation of talent and setting young people on a route to success.

You can also join this vocational revolution by offering an industry T Level placement, helping to develop future talent for your business.

If you want to be part of a once in a lifetime revolution in education which will impact and improve your industry, get in touch today.



Visit [ncfe.org.uk/technical-education/t-levels/employers](https://www.ncfe.org.uk/technical-education/t-levels/employers)

If you're a provider and would like to deliver T Levels...

T Level providers must be government-approved to deliver T Levels. Our Approved Provider Hub helps us to support providers at every stage of delivery. As a new qualification being delivered by FE colleges, schools and training providers, we understand it's a major change in teaching, delivery and assessment.

We've therefore developed a comprehensive package of materials and resources – including guidance documents, videos and sample assessment materials – to help you deliver brilliant T Level programmes.

As an NCFE T Level provider, we'll assign you a dedicated account specialist who'll support you throughout your T Level journey, meaning the support you need will be only an email or call away.

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If you're a student or parent...

T Level qualifications were created in consultation with employers to provide students with the skills they'll need to succeed in their chosen industry and career. As employers were involved in the development of T Levels, they recognise and value the qualification.

T Levels can open up a wide range of progression opportunities for students to consider, including skilled employment, higher or degree-level apprenticeships and higher-level technical study including university.

You can learn more about T Levels, their progression routes and who is delivering these qualifications on our website.

Visit [ncfe.org.uk/technical-education/t-levels/parents-and-learners](https://www.ncfe.org.uk/technical-education/t-levels/parents-and-learners)



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