T-LEVELS

Creating the next generation of skilled workers

T Levels are a new, high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels for young people once they've completed their GCSEs.

Designed to help bridge the gap between the classroom and the workplace, T Levels are two-year programmes which combine technical learning with vital hands-on work experience through industry placements.

Here are 5 key things you need to know about T Levels:

1. They'll provide a new, work-focused alternative to A Levels for young people
2. They're being developed in close consultation with business and current practitioners
3. They'll include a substantial 'industry placement' to help young people develop skills
4. They'll provide a structured route to higher education and work
5. They're being phased in from September 2020

Qualifications trusted by employers

There will be 25 different T Level qualifications made available to learners across the UK. They will span 11 different industry sectors, including:

- Agriculture, environment and animal care
- Business and administration
- Catering and hospitality
- Construction
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and childcare
- Engineering
- Hair and beauty
- Health and science
- Legal, finance and accounting

NCFE

NCFE T Levels

NCFE is developing the qualifications that will underpin T Levels for the following subjects:

Health and science

Education and childcare

Digital

Who is NCFE?

We're NCFE: an educational charity and leader in vocational and technical learning. We combine over 170 years of education experience with deep insight, working with a network of expert collaborators to galvanise the technical and vocational education sector around the greatest learning needs and to shape smarter solutions.

Your T Level questions answered

How are T Levels structured?

T Levels consist of several components:

- An approved Technical Qualification (TQ) that provides technical knowledge and practical skills specific to a learner's chosen industry or occupation
- 'On-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days)
- Functional skills in maths, English and digital at a minimum of Level 2, or GCSEs in English and maths
- Transferable workplace skills
- Enrichment and tutorials.

When will T Levels be available?

T Levels are being introduced as part of a phased roll out, with the first 3 being available at selected colleges from September 2020. These will be in:

- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Digital production, design and development
- Education and childcare.

A further 7 T Levels will be available in September 2021 with the remaining courses starting in either 2022 or 2023.

Where to after T Levels?

T Levels can open up a wide range of progression opportunities for students to consider.

- A skilled occupation
- Higher or degree-level apprenticeships
- Higher level technical study, including university.

Are T Levels recognised by employers?

Each T Level programme has been developed in collaboration with sector experts and leading employers to ensure they meet the needs of the workforce and set learners up for success. T Levels are just as valid as A Levels and are recognised by employers and wider industry for their rigour and quality.

Find out more about T Levels

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