

Q&A WEBINAR WITH MINISTER KEEGAN

At 11am on Tuesday 23 February, we will be hosting a Q&A webinar with the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, Gillian Keegan MP. The minister is keen to discuss industry placements – in particular any issues you are facing – so if you have any questions or comments, and would like to attend, [please sign up here](#).

As we anticipate receiving a large number of questions, we regret that we may not be able to answer all of them. Please send questions through to us, [using the sign up form](#), by Tuesday 16 February.

We will also be joined in this session by Helen West from the British Computer Society (BCS), who will be talking about a support programme that is available for those delivering the Digital T Level, followed by a brief update from NCFE and City & Guilds. Staff members from Pearson will also be present to answer questions.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT PROVIDER SUPPORT

The National Apprenticeship Service is assisting T Level 2020 providers who request support with sourcing industry placements.

They are targeting over 13,000 employers in relevant sectors and locations with emails and calls about local T Level industry placements. Employers will be referred to providers, or to the Employer Support Package for info and support: <https://employerindustryplacements.co.uk>

PROMOTING INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR: ENGAGEMENT

The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) is promoting industry placements in the Public Sector.

Webinars, online content and resources are being delivered through close relationships with key organisations like Health Education England, NHS Employers and The Local Government Association.

This frames T levels as part of the Sector's COVID-19 recovery plan and encourages NHS Trusts and Local Authorities to partner with a T Level provider and commit to delivering industry placements from September 2021.

T LEVEL TRANSITION PROGRAMME PROVIDER EVENT – FEBRUARY 2021

The Association of Colleges (AoC) will be hosting a **Technical Focus Group for Round 1 providers (Sept 2020 delivery) only on Wednesday 24 February**. There are two sessions: **9:30–12:30** for providers whose programmes **do not include a qualification**, and **13:00–16:00** for providers whose programmes **do include a qualification**.

The sessions are aimed at curriculum/technical leads and offer an opportunity for structured networking. They will be facilitated by technical education advisers.

Zoom meeting invitations have been sent to providers. If you are a **Round 1 provider** and have not received an invitation or have any questions about the event, please contact AoC at: transition.programme@aoc.co.uk. The agenda and resources will be sent to attendees before the event.

UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce new additions to the T Level Professional Development (TLPD) offer.

This includes new activities within the Industry Insights programme, which, due to Covid-19, has evolved to offer staff delivering or preparing to deliver T Levels with the option to complete virtual placements and training. [See the ETF website for further information.](#)

We have also launched a T Level Leadership Mentoring Programme which is aimed at those who hold or will hold middle management responsibilities for T Level delivery. The Leadership Mentoring Programme will see 25 successful mentees being supported by a specialist Leadership and Management Facilitator. More information can be found on the [T Level Professional Development Platform.](#)

T LEVELS TO BE ADDED TO THE COURSE DIRECTORY

From the beginning of March, all T Level courses taught from 2020 and 2021 will be added to the ESFA course directory, enabling students to find details through both the [‘Find a course’ service on the National Careers Service website](#) and the [T Levels website.](#)

From March, you will be able to directly maintain information on T Levels you are offering, to make sure students can easily access up-to-date information on available opportunities.

We will provide further updates on this soon but if you have any questions about the course directory in the meantime, please contact support@coursedirectory.org.uk or call 0844 811 5073.

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION PROVIDER PANEL

Do you work at a T Level provider? Would you like to help contribute to the development and delivery of T Levels? If so, the Institute needs you!

We're looking for people who will be involved in delivering T Levels, in all subject areas, to give your views on the materials as they are developed by the Awarding Organisations and into delivery once they are being taught. The group would meet 3-4 times a year for a morning or afternoon session, plus there would be some preparation time to review the materials ahead of each session.

Please only volunteer if you are not already part of a provider validation panel hosted by one of the T Level Awarding Organisations as this will avoid any potential conflicts of interest. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact TE.IFA@education.co.uk by Friday 19 February.

UPDATES FROM THE AWARDING ORGANISATIONS

Pearson held a live webinar to show how the T Level Technical Qualifications in Accounting and Finance specifications are shaping up and what the assessments are looking like. The recording can be accessed [here.](#)

NCFE are continuing development of two additional specialisms, in Optical Care Services and Dental Nursing, within the Health and Science T Levels. Please contact craig.wade@cache.org.uk to support development and gain early insight into the content.

City & Guilds are seeking provider input during the development stage of 2 Wave 3 T Levels: [Engineering & Manufacturing](#) and [Management and Administration.](#)