

T LEVELS CORE ASSESSMENT AWARDING 2021

Based on feedback from the recent [consultation](#), this summer's Core written exams will not go ahead, because of the impact of Covid-19 on learning. T Level students will have the option to receive a Teacher Assessed Grade for the whole core component this summer. This means students should receive an overall core grade in August that accounts for the core employer-set project and core knowledge exams. It aims to give students more time to prepare for occupational specialism assessments and to go out on their industry placement in the second year.

Please note that this only applies to **Summer 2021** and we expect normal arrangements for the T Level Core assessment in the Autumn and Summer 2022.

If you are a 2020 provider, delivering T Levels this year, awarding organisations, NCFE and Pearson will be in contact with more details and how to get involved in shaping the approach to this summer's core assessment and grading.

2023 T LEVEL REGISTRATION

We will be launching the T Level 2023 registration portal on **24 February** on [GOV.uk](#), which will allow providers not currently delivering T Levels to register. As current T Level providers you do **not** need to submit a registration form to extend your T Level delivery for the 2023 to 2024 academic year, as you will be able to do this as part of your May 2021 Data Collection return. We will share details on how to do this in mid April.

EMAIL TO T LEVEL FEEDER SCHOOLS

Today more than 1600 emails were sent direct to the careers leads of feeder schools for all providers offering T Levels in September.

As we do not hold a complete list of feeder schools, schools for this email were designated based on their distance from a provider, cross referenced against a sample of feeder school information where available. The email includes a [link to resources for schools](#), including a new film aimed at teachers and careers advisers, as well as a link to a nearby T Level provider. Feeder schools have also been encouraged to reach out to their nearest T Level provider to find out more.

If you have any suggestions on how we can further support your engagement with feeder schools do let us know.

PULSE SURVEY

Thank you for completing the January Pulse Survey. There is a huge interest in how T Level 2020 and 2021 providers are progressing with their 2021 to 2022 academic year recruitment and the purpose of the survey is to minimise the number of ad hoc requests you receive and to enable regular updates to be provided to Ministers and senior officials.

We will be sending out the next survey on **25 February** and would appreciate if you could return this by **midnight on Friday 5 March** to reflect your latest recruitment position and planned student delivery. Please contact your local T Level lead or the Pulse Survey inbox (Pulse.SURVEY@education.gov.uk) if you have any queries.

CSCS CONSULTATION ON SITE CARDS FOR INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme are running a consultation on options for site cards for construction related industry placements. There is an [online survey](#) that you can complete.

The consultation will close on **Friday 5 March** and as T Level providers, it would be helpful if you could provide your views on this consultation so that a solution is reached that works when delivering industry placements. More information on the consultation can be [found here](#).

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT SUPPORT – 2020 T LEVEL PROVIDERS

On 16 Feb, an email was sent to T Level contacts from RoutesReadiness.TE@education.gov.uk regarding support that is available from the **Association of Colleges (AoC)** for 2020 T Level providers around industry placements.

The AOC are offering individualised support to providers, alongside networking events and the sharing of good practice between providers. Please contact them at: industryplacementsupport@aoc.co.uk to arrange an initial discussion meeting with them.

The **National Apprenticeship Service** is also ready to assist 2020 T Level providers who request support with sourcing industry placements.

They are targeting over 13,000 employers in relevant sectors and locations 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>

T LEVEL TRANSITION PROGRAMME PROVIDER EVENT – MARCH 2021

The Association of Colleges (AoC) will be hosting a **Peer Learning Event for Round 2 (September 2021 delivery) providers only** on **Wednesday 3 March** at **3.30-5pm**.

This event will focus on **digital upskilling** on the Transition Programme, including the assessment, development and contextualisation of digital skills. There will be a provider presentation and structured breakout sessions.

Invitations for the event have been sent to Round 2 T Level Transition Programme providers.

If you are a Round 2 provider and have not received an invitation or have any questions about this event, please contact AoC at transition.programme@aoc.co.uk.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEARNER SURVEY

The Department for Education has appointed [NatCen](#) – an independent research organisation – to conduct the Technical Education Learner Survey, which will track the ambitions, course experiences and outcomes of T Level and Transition Programme students.

The findings from the survey will be used to evaluate the long-term success of the programmes. Towards the end of this academic year, NatCen will start to invite students, via post at first, to participate in the voluntary survey.

In future newsletters we will link to a website that provides more details on the study for students, their parents and providers.

UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION

As part of the Networks element of the T Level Professional Development offer, we have an upcoming [Embedding Digital Skills event](#) taking place for all staff planning T Level delivery in September 2021 and beyond.

Understanding digital tools and information is now as vital as the ability to read and write for learners wishing to progress to skilled work and higher learning.

Join the online session to hear key speakers explore the policy and practice of embedding digital skills in T Levels. The network will provide a platform to discuss and share ideas and practice, develop creative partnerships and identify future CPD based on FE sector colleagues' personal and professional development needs.

UPDATES FROM THE AWARDING ORGANISATIONS

City & Guilds - City & Guilds are running a series of webinar updates from next month to support the development of the T Level technical qualifications for wave three Engineering and Manufacturing. The first webinar is on **Wednesday 3 March 2021**.

Visit their [T Level website](#) for more information and also to register your interest.

Pearson - Pearson's [February E-Bulletin](#) was published and included the following:

- Dates and registration for Spring Term training events for Digital and Construction
- Assessment entry window
- Accounting and Finance Provider Walkthrough

FUTURE T LEVELS CONSULTATION NOW LIVE

The Institute would welcome views from providers on the following pathways which could be developed into a T Level in the future. Feedback from this consultation will form part of a wider piece of analysis to assess T Level suitability for current occupational pathways that have not been developed into a T Level:

[Hospitality pathway](#)

[Community exercise, physical activity, sport and health occupational pathway](#)

The consultation will close on **Monday 15 March**.

Webinars **Hospitality**

There is the opportunity to get involved in two 1.5 hour-long webinars to discuss this work with the Institute on **Wednesday 3 March at 10:00** and **Thursday 4 March at 13:00**. If you are interested, please register your interest at employer.panels@education.gov.uk

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SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT FUNDING

Providers delivering new T Level routes will receive a letter next week (**W/C 1 March**) setting out how much Specialist Equipment Funding they will receive.

Funds will be paid towards the end of March.