

## **T LEVELS CORE COMPONENT – AWARDING 2021**

Following the announcement in February that students would be able to receive a grade for the core component of their T Level this summer, awarding organisations have now set out [further details of the arrangements](#).

These arrangements follow the approach for A levels and will be broadly the same across all three Wave 1 T Levels.

Provider guidance, assessment materials and grading information will be available before the Easter break. Additional materials will follow later in April.

As well as written guidance, awarding organisations will deliver webinars to ensure that providers are clear about the arrangements and teachers understand how the evidence can be used to determine grades.

Awarding organisations will be contacting all 2020 providers directly and all updates will be available on the webpages linked below.

**[NCFE: Updates available now](#)**

[NCFE's Covid response area](#)

[NCFE Covid response area – TQ page](#)

**[Pearson: Updates from 31<sup>st</sup> March:](#)**

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## **Q&A WEBINAR WITH MINISTER KEEGAN**

At 2pm on Tuesday 27 April, we will be hosting a Q&A webinar with the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, Gillian Keegan MP. If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](#). There is space on the form for you to suggest topics that you would like to hear discussed.

We will also be joined in this session by Nichole Munro from the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) who will be talking about their T Level Professional Development offer. Staff members from NCFE, Pearson and City & Guilds will also be present to answer questions.

## **PULSE SURVEY**

Thank you all for taking the time to complete the January and February T Level Pulse Surveys, we will be circulating the March T Level Pulse Survey link to all 2020 and 2021 providers on 25 March, this survey will close at **midnight on 2 April**. The purpose of this survey is to collect details of your 2021 to 2022 academic year recruitment progress for T Levels and T Level Transition Programme, along with securing of Industry Placements for each route that you delivering.

The outputs will inform regular updates to the Secretary of State and Ministers on the delivery of T Levels for the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

If you are having issues with receiving the link please contact your IT team. Mailchimp will need to be included in your safe sender list. If you encounter any access issues please check that your firewall allows access to this site and that your browser has been updated.

## **2020 PROVIDERS: ONLINE MONITORING AND SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS**

To enable us to monitor the position closely, and tailor our support accordingly, we will be regularly asking providers to submit information regarding progress towards sourcing industry placements.

A link to the [latest survey](#) was emailed to all 2020 T Level providers on Friday 19 March, with a deadline of **Friday 26 March**. The plan is to repeat this survey half-termly.

## **REMINDER: UPCOMING WEBINARS**

**Progression from T Levels: At 3pm on Tuesday 30 March**, DfE and the Institute are running a joint event to provide more information on the subject of progression from T Levels. There will be an hour long webinar split into two short sessions; one on the work happening in relation to progression into university from T Levels where you will hear more from a T Level provider and a university, and another on gathering provider views on proposed progression between T Levels and Apprenticeships.

If you are interested in signing up, [please register here](#).

**Delivering the Transition Programme from September 2022:** The Association of Colleges (AoC) will host a webinar for providers who are considering delivering the T Level Transition Programme **for the first time from September 2022**. The webinar will take place on [Monday 29 March, 4-5pm](#) and will be repeated on [Wednesday 31 March, 3-4pm](#). This event is aimed at senior leaders who will be responsible for making the decision on whether to sign up to the Transition Programme and curriculum leads or heads of department for the T Level routes you plan to deliver.

## **TRANSITION PROGRAMME: EVENTS FOR ROUND 1 AND 2 PROVIDERS**

The Association of Colleges (AoC) are hosting two **technical focus groups** open to **Round 1 (2020 delivery)** and **Round 2 (2021 delivery)** providers on **Thursday 22 April, 9.30-12.30** and **Friday 23 April, 9.30-12.30**.

The focus of these sessions is **contextualising employability skills and behaviours**, and they will be facilitated by technical education advisers.

The events are aimed at technical leads and employability specialists.

Invitations will be sent to Round 1 and 2 Transition Programme providers by AoC.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact AoC at [transition.programme@aoc.co.uk](mailto:transition.programme@aoc.co.uk).

## **UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION (ETF)**

Recently, the ETF ran its first live online Route Specific Training course: *Introducing the Education and Childcare Route*. The [Route Specific Training element](#) of the TLPD offer is designed for frontline staff and middle managers delivering T Levels. These courses are subject specific, covering assessment methods, legislation, teaching approaches and curriculum content.

The courses are [based on a unique model](#), due to the integral input from providers who are responsible for the design, development and delivery of the CPD for a T Level route, including the T Levels within it.

Access the [Professional Development Platform](#) to find the course most appropriate to you, and visit the [TLPD events calendar](#) to find upcoming live online dates to book onto in the future.

## **ROUND 4 OF TAKING TEACHING FURTHER NOW OPEN**

On 16 March, the Department for Education announced the opening of the fourth round of the Taking Teaching Further (TTF) programme, to help attract industry professionals to work in FE. The programme will support a further 550 industry professionals to become FE teachers by covering the costs of training and mentoring and is open to all FE post-16 providers.

Further information on the TTF programme and how to apply can be found [here](#).

## **UPDATES FROM CITY & GUILDS**

### **Wave 3 Engineering and Manufacturing:**

To support the development of the T Level technical qualifications (TQs) Engineering and Manufacturing, City & Guilds is running a question and answer session on **Wednesday 31 March** at 9.30.

The webinar will offer providers and employers the opportunity to ask questions relating to the TQs development, milestone targets, and submissions to the institute. [Register here](#).

### **Wave 3 Management and**

**Administration:** City & Guilds is running a series of webinar updates from next month to support the development of the T Level technical qualifications for wave three Management and Administration. The first webinar is on **Tuesday 13 April**. Visit their [T Level event website](#) for more information and also to register your interest.

### **Wave 2 Onsite Construction and Building Services Engineering**

**webinars:** BSE Core Component workshop - Friday, 23 April. [Register your interest here](#).

Onsite Construction Core Component workshop - Monday, 26 April. [Register your interest here](#).

## **UPDATES FROM PEARSON**

Pearson will be hosting their second Provider Walkthrough for the Accounting and Finance Technical Qualifications on **Tuesday 20th April 2021 3.30 – 4.30pm**. [Click here](#) to book. This walkthrough will show you how the specifications are shaping up and what the assessments are looking like following the submission to the Institute and Ofqual.

Pearson have published their [March e-bulletin](#).

Pearson also published a further E-Bulletin in March for 2020 Providers, which included information about the [support events](#) for Teacher Assessed Grades.

## **UPDATES FROM NCFE**

### **Mentoring Occupational Specialism**

NCFE is delighted to announce the approval of the final occupational specialism for the T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Childcare.

Following engagement with stakeholders on the title of the specialism, the previous title 'supporting and mentoring students in further and higher education' has been changed to '**supporting and mentoring students in educational settings**'.

The specialism now provides opportunities for prospective students to experience a broader spectrum of experience in the education sector. The materials will be published on [NCFE QualHub](#) on **9 April**.

Ahead of this, a draft copy of the updated TQ specification can be made available on request to NCFE.