

CONSTRUCTION SITE CARD FOR T LEVEL STUDENTS

Following an industry wide consultation, and extensive engagement between the department and construction industry bodies, we are pleased to confirm that the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) will now offer an 'Industry Placement Card' for students on a Construction T Level. This is excellent news and ensures that learners will be able to access construction sites on their industry placement and can be properly recognised as on a placement by construction employers.

The card displaying the CSCS logo will be available from September and is for learners aged sixteen (or above). Students must be registered onto recognised qualification (such as T Levels) or training programme requiring a minimum of 30 days' work placement, and which is ultimately intended to lead to a job in construction and the built environment.

This card will apply across all construction T Levels so it is important to apply to the card scheme issuer that is relevant to the Construction T Level undertaken by the learner. For example, a learner undertaking a T Level in Building Services Engineering with an occupational specialism in Protection Systems Engineering should apply to the Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS).

For further information on the CSCS logoed card schemes and the occupations they cover visit: www.cscs.uk.com/partner.

PULSE SURVEY

Thank you all for taking the time to complete the monthly T Level Pulse Surveys. We will be circulating the June T Level Pulse Survey shortly and will send the link to all 2020 and 2021 T Level providers on the 24 June, the survey will close at **midnight on 2 July**. Your return is important in enabling us to report on the latest T Level position to ministers, along with minimising the ad hoc requests for information from providers.

You can read further [guidance](#) on how to complete the survey, this includes information explaining why we collect details of your recruitment progress and that the figures provided should reflect your aggregated recruitment position and planned student delivery.

2021 PROVIDERS: T LEVEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

You should have now received emails from Joas Flynn, a researcher in DfE, inviting you to complete a Senior Leaders questionnaire on T level preparation.

It should take around 10 minutes to complete and the data will feed into the wider evaluation of T Level Professional Development (TLPD) to inform and help improve the support on offer. Joas has also invited T Level Route Leaders to complete a similar short survey. We really appreciate your support during this busy time.

If you have any questions about the surveys, please get in touch with Joas, DfE Project Manager via joas.flynn@education.gov.uk

TECH ED STUDY

DfE's appointed research organisation – NatCen – will be running the Tech Ed Study from **Friday 25 June to Friday 20 August**. T Level and Transition Programme students will initially be invited to complete the 15-minute survey online via a letter sent to their home address.

Students will also be given the option to complete the survey over the phone or via postal questionnaire. The study will be key to tracking the long-term success of these programmes. Further information available at [NatCen's website](#).

UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION

The Education and Training Foundation is running a ['Learning from 2020 T Level providers' event](#) on **Wednesday 23 June, 10am-12:30pm**. The event will be chaired by Shelagh Legrave OBE DL, Chief Executive of Chichester College Group and upcoming Further Education Commissioner. It will provide T Level practitioners with the opportunity to hear from 2020 providers about their experience of implementation and delivery to date, as well as gather useful hints and tips to take on board.

Don't forget we are also running a number of bite-sized, online Industry Workshops, as part of the Industry Insights element of the T Level Professional Development offer. These workshops enable you to hear the latest sector specific updates, be involved in Q&A sessions, or see a demonstration of the latest technology used in a specific industry. [Sign up to our upcoming sessions](#), which include workshops run by our sector delivery partners focusing on the Construction and Digital routes.

HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROVIDER GROWTH FUND

We are pleased to announce that the Higher Technical Education Provider Growth Fund launched on **11 June**. This £18m Fund recognises the Government's commitment to reforming Higher Technical Education to support people to get the skills our economy needs throughout their lives. The Growth Fund will support further and higher education providers to grow high-quality Higher Technical Education and enable providers to deliver new approved Digital Higher Technical Qualifications from September 2022, followed by further Digital, and new Construction, and Health and Science routes from September 2023.

This is such an exciting time in technical education as the reforms we have been working on are starting to gather pace and make a real difference to learners and employers.

[Please find the provider guidance and application form here.](#)

UPDATES FROM THE AWARDING ORGANISATIONS

City & Guilds – Onsite Construction and Building Service Engineering: A series of webinars is starting soon to support providers who will begin teaching from September. The first webinar is on **Thursday 24 June**. Visit their [T Level event website](#) for more information and also to register your interest.

Pearson – Pearson's [June E-Bulletin](#) has now been published.

NCFE – NCFE has developed [a checklist](#) to help providers keep track of the key actions that they need to complete in the lead up to delivering an NCFE T Level. While this checklist is not exhaustive, it is intended to be a useful tool to use as part of T Level delivery preparation.