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T LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – PLANNING FOR 2022

Providers that do not start delivery of T Levels until 2022 will need to continue with their implementation planning. The <u>guidance</u> has been updated with the new dates for submission of plans. This is 15 October 2021 and 13 May 2022.

Providers delivering T Levels already or starting delivery this September will not be required to complete further plans.

TWICE YEARLY DATA COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PROVIDERS

All providers will however be asked to complete the twice yearly data collections in May and October. These are used to fund you for T Level delivery and to tell us your future delivery intentions. We will send out the links and include a note in future newsletters. The next link should be despatched mid-September, ready for the 15 October submission.

If you have any questions, about implementation plans or data collections, please contact <u>us</u>.

T LEVEL TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS WAVE 1 PROVIDER SURVEY

The Survey is still open and will close on 30th July 2021.

This is an opportunity for Wave 1 Providers to provide their feedback on the services that Awarding Organisations provide to you.

Please use this link to complete the survey.

DENTAL NURSING

The Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education and NCFE are hosting a Teams session to outline the Dental Nursing Occupational specialism, which will launch in September 2022. Please join us - or nominate an appropriate member of your team - to hear more about the development of this specialism, including the sharing of exemplified Sample Assessment Materials.

Date: 20 July 2021 - Time: 3pm - 5pm Venue: Teams Workshop (link will be sent

separately)

RSVP: TE.IFA@education.gov.uk

UPDATE FROM EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION

As we approach the summer holiday, take the opportunity to develop your understanding of T Levels, keep on top of route-wide teaching approaches and enhance your understanding of effective pedagogy. The T Level Professional Development offer includes numerous online courses, which are available through the Professional Development Platform and can be taken flexibly in your own time.

Our dedicated team of <u>Area Relationship</u> and <u>Development Leads</u> (ARDL) are available to answer your queries and support your needs throughout the summer holiday. So please do contact your ARDL should you need any assistance.

T LEVELS AND INDUSTRY PLACEMENT AND INDUSTRY PLACEMENT EMPLOYER SUPPORT SERVICE

On Friday 16 July we are launching a new online support service for employers, with guidance and resources to support employers with T Levels and delivering industry placements. If you are working with employers who would like support with planning and implementing an industry placement, please direct them here.

PROGRESSION PROFILES FOR TLEVELS

T Levels are one of several options available to learners aged 16-19 to prepare them for the world of work. The Institute has been working with employers on a pilot project to look at potential progression routes from T levels into apprenticeships at different levels.

How we developed the progression profiles

In order to develop the progression profiles, we looked at shared content between T Levels and level 3 and 4 apprenticeships to identify likely progression routes for learners taking the **first three T Levels**. We used <u>Occupational maps</u> as the starting point for this work, and engaged with employers, providers and other industry experts throughout.

We know the world of work is flexible, and many progression opportunities will be possible in addition to those shown, including to university and non-apprenticeship qualifications. The diagrams and routes we have produced are indicative rather than prescriptive.

Next steps

We have chosen to publish these drafts to provide information for providers, learners and parents on options for learners after achieving a T Level. We are continuing to engage with employers, providers, and other industry experts as part of the development process.

We are now working to produce initial profiles for the second wave of T Levels in onsite construction, building services engineering for construction, digital support services, digital business services, health, healthca re science and science. These T Levels will be available for first teach from September 2021.

To support providers to tailor apprenticeship programmes for T-Level graduates, including enabling them to do an apprenticeship that is accelerated, we are updating the guidance on Recognition of Prior Learning. The guidance will help to establish the right starting point for the apprentice and enable a proportionate reduction in the content and time taken to deliver it. The guidance will be found here once published.

The first three progression profiles can be found here

As T Level providers, if you would like to be involved in our mapping and progression work please contact **te.ifa@education.gov.uk**

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

We know that some students will want to progress to a university course upon completion of their T Level in 2022. As we approach the summer holidays, we know that many providers will be already thinking about UCAS applications. For some time, we have been engaging proactively with the Higher Education sector to ensure that institutions consider including T Levels in their entry criteria for relevant courses starting in 2022; however there are still many higher education institutions (HEIs) who are yet to make their entry criteria for 2022 publicly available. As such, we would be very happy to talk to any HEIs directly if you find that it is not clear what their approach is to T Levels is. If you would like us to engage a HEI, or have any further questions or concerns, please contact amelia1.brennan@education.gov.uk.

NCFE UPDATE

An update on the resources NCFE will be launching to enhance your delivery of Education and Childcare, Health and Science, and Digital T Levels.

Between now and October, NCFE will be releasing an extra 126 essential resource sessions which will be free to all NCFE T Level providers. Find out more

PEARSON UPDATE

Pearson's <u>July E-Bulletin</u> was published and included the following:

- O&A Networks for the Autumn term
- 2021 Provider Approval Window
- Key Dates Schedule 2021 2023
- Wave 3 update and a request for Providers to support the validation of materials

CITY & GUILDS UPDATE

City & Guilds Wave 2 Construction

City & Guilds recently hosted network events to ensure providers are fully prepared to deliver the Onsite Construction and Building Services Engineering for Construction T Level Technical Qualifications from September 2021. Please use this link to access the webinar.

City and Guilds Wave 3 Engineering & Manufacturing

Please note the following changes have been agreed for **T Levels in Engineering & Manufacturing, they are reflected in the current draft materials available for Providers through C&G:**

Maintenance Installation and Repair (MIR)

Removal of Standards

The following standards have been removed from MIR- Vehicles: Motorcycle Technician; Bus & Coach Engineering Technician; Vehicle Damage Panel Technician; Heavy Vehicles Service & Maintenance Technician

The following standards are linked to MIR: Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle); Accident Repair Technician.

Renamed Occupational Specialism

The Occupational Specialism MIR- Vehicles has been renamed: MIR- Light and Electric Vehicles

Manufacturing, Process and Control (MPC)

Removal of Standards

The following standards have been removed from MPC- Manufacturing: Advanced Furniture CNC Technician; Advanced Upholsterer; Fashion and Textiles Technician

The following standards are linked to MPC- Manufacturing: Composites Technician; Boatbuilder

The following standards have been removed from MPC- Materials: Papermaker; Metal Casting, Foundry and Patternmaking Technician (knowledge elements to be taught and assessed in the Route Core content)

The following standards are linked to MPC- Materials: Pipe Welder; Non-destructive Testing Engineering Technician; Plate Welder; Metal Fabricator

The following standards have been removed from MPC- Processing: Advanced Baker

The following standards are linked to MPC- Processing: Science Manufacturing Technician; Food and Drink Advanced Process Operator