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WELCOME BACK AND CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you've managed to enjoy some time off.

As a new school year begins, we know that new staff may have just joined your institution, whilst others may have left to pursue new challenges. So that we can keep our contact lists up to date and ensure that we are sending information about T Levels to the relevant people, we ask that you and your staff members complete this form to update the contact details we hold for you.

T LEVEL PULSE SURVEY

As 2020 and 2021 providers, you will be aware there is a huge interest in how you are getting on with your T Level and T Level Transition Programme enrolments as we begin the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

To avoid multiple ad-hoc requests we will be asking you to share this information through the monthly T Level Pulse Survey, which will be sent on 23 September 2021 directly to the T Level lead within your organisation. We ask that you complete this by 4 October 2021.

This survey will collect details of the number of T Level and Transition Programme student starts, along with the number of industry placements secured with employers. This information will be used to support the allocation of T Level Employer Incentive funding to ensure that each students has an industry placement.

Guidance and requirements for completion of this survey can be <u>found</u> <u>here</u>.

THE NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE COURSE DIRECTORY: 2022 T LEVELS

All T Levels which begin in 2022 are now listed on Publish to the course directory, with both the T Levels website and the 'Find a course' service drawing from it. This means that students can easily access up-to-date information on available opportunities and, because you can directly maintain information on the T Levels you are offering, along with your other courses, you can make sure this is as relevant as possible for them.

If you have not already done so you need to log into Publish to the Course Directory to ensure that your course information is correct. Ensuring your course information is up to date will directly support student recruitment and employer engagement by allowing young people, parents, carers, and employers to search for T Levels in their area.

If you are delivering T Levels beginning in 2022 please make sure students can find up-to-date information about your T Levels by taking the following actions:

- Check now that the information listed is correct, then continue to check your information regularly – if you have a change, update via <u>Publish to the course</u> <u>directory</u>
- Make sure you, or your relevant colleague/s, know how to access and use Publish to the course directory – this is now the only way to change course information on the T Levels website
- Watch this walkthrough demonstration to see how easy it is to update your information

If you have any questions about the course directory, or experience any problems with access, please contact support@coursedirectory.org.uk or call 0844 811 5073.

T LEVEL EMPLOYER INCENTIVE SCHEME

Employers can receive a £1,000 incentive payment for offering a placement to Wave 1 and Wave 2 T Level students.

For Wave 1 and Wave 2 T Level providers, we will be making a payment in November based on your enrolment figures in September 2021. Each new T Level student will attract £1,000 to be paid to employers as an incentive payment for offering an industry placement with a start date on or before the 31 July 2022. For full details, see Gov.UK.

Wave 1 providers only, please make sure that you have recorded all employer claim details on the online tracking tool by the 17 September for all employer payments to date. Access to the online tracking tool, step-by step guidance and the webinar recorded in July, can be found here. We will be collecting this data on a 6-weekly basis, the next date is the 29 October.

T LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The deadline for the next implementation plan is 18 October 2021. Only providers starting delivery in September 2022 need to complete these.

This is the final year of preparation, so there are only two further plans that you are required to complete and submit to us – in October 2021 and in May 2022. The purpose of the plan is to tell us about your T Level implementation planning so that we can ensure that you are fully ready to deliver T Levels from the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

The guidance and template can be found on the on the <u>Support with</u>
<u>Delivering T Levels Implementation and planning</u> webpage.

Once complete, please send your plan to statistical.annexes@education.gov.uk copying in your local ESFA (or AoC for schools) contact.

PROGRESSION PROFILES FOR T LEVELS

Following our introduction of the progression profiles in the previous newsletter, we have also published the profile for the T Level in Onsite Construction, available for first teach from September 2021. This can be found alongside the first three progression profiles here.

These initial progression profiles include information for providers, learners and parents on options for learners after achieving a T Level. The diagrams and routes are indicative, other progression opportunities will be available other than those shown on the diagrams including options to university and non-apprenticeship qualifications.

We are now working to produce initial profiles for the rest of the second wave, including T Levels in Building Services Engineering for Construction, Digital Support Services, Digital Business Services, Health, Healthcare Science and Science.

We are continuing to engage with employers, providers, and other industry experts as part of the development process. As T Level providers, if you would like to be involved in our progression work or provide feedback on the initial progression profiles, please contact te.ifa@education.gov.uk.

UPDATES FROM THE AWARDING ORGANISATIONS

NCFE - NCFE is reflecting on the first year of T Level delivery to celebrate the fantastic achievements of students, providers, and the wider sector. Hear success stories and join NCFE in celebrating successful beginnings. #successfulbeginnings

City & Guilds – There have been a number of changes to the T Levels in Engineering and Manufacturing. For further information, please visit City & Guilds website.

T LEVEL DATA COLLECTION - 2020, 2021 AND 2022 PROVIDERS

The T Level data collection for October is due to open to all T Level providers in the week commencing 20 September 2021 and we will email you with the details soon. We would appreciate it if you would complete this return by the 18 October 2021.

In this return we will ask you to provide your forecasted student figures for the 2022 to 2023 academic year and beyond, along with your projected student numbers for any T Levels you wish to introduce from 2023 onwards. We will also ask you to tell us which Transition Programme routes you intend to deliver from 2023.

The data collected from this return will be used to inform your T Level 2022 to 2023 academic year T Level funding allocation, capital specialist equipment allocation and the development of T Level tools including the Course Directory

As with your previous return, you will need to have your organisation's log-in details ready to log in and submit, further guidance on DfE Sign will be made available in our guidance document which we will send out to you shortly.

If you have any questions in relation to completing this return, please direct your enquiry to statistical.annexes@education.gov.uk.