T Levels

Introduction
What are T Levels?

New post 16 courses coming in September 2020, which will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to three A levels.

Two-year courses developed in collaboration with employers and businesses.

A mixture of classroom learning and ‘on-the-job’ experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days.

Typically 20% on-the-job and 80% in the classroom.
How Do T Levels Work?

T Levels are made of four elements:

- An approved technical qualification
- A work placement of at least 45 days
- English & maths at a minimum of Level 2 (if not already achieved)
- Transferable workplace skills

T Levels will consist of **1800 hours** on average over two years including the work placement of at least 45 days.

The content is based on the same standards as apprenticeships (approved by Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education).
Pearson’s Involvement

Pearson has won the contract to deliver two of the Wave 1 T Level Technical Qualifications:

- Digital: Digital Production, Design and Development.
- Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning.

The Technical Qualification is made of 2 elements:

- Core Component - graded A* to E.
- Occupational Specialism - graded P, M or D.

Please note - NCFE are contracted to deliver the first T Level in Education and Childcare.
Industry Placement

Every T Level will include an industry placement with an employer focused on developing the practical and technical skills required for the occupation.

Minimum of **45 working days** as a block, day release or a mix of these.

Providers (centres) will work with their local employers to design and deliver the industry placements.

Pearson is not responsible for the Industry Placement - Providers should contact the DfE Industry Placement team for more information - [DfE website](https://www.gov.uk/).
Certificates

Learners must pass all the elements of their T Level to a nationally recognised certificate from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and shows an overall grade of **pass, merit or distinction**.

It will also set out the details of what students have achieved on the course including:

- A grade for the core component, (A* to E).
- A grade for the occupational specialism, shown as Pass, Merit or Distinction.
- Grades for Maths and English qualifications (if applicable).
- Details of the industry placement.

Please note - Pearson will not be issuing certificates.
T Level Timeline

Sept 2020
First teach of wave one routes in selected 50 centres (Construction, Digital, Education and Childcare).

Sept 2021
First teach of wave two routes (Construction, Digital, Education, and Health and Science).

Sept 2022
First teach of wave three routes - (Legal, Finance and Accounting; Engineering and Manufacturing; Business and Administration)

Sept 2023 onwards - First teach of wave four and beyond...

A list of providers can be found on the DFE website.
Further Information

There are a number of support resources available:

Pearson T Levels web page

Pearson T Levels Support

DFE: Introduction To T Levels

Fees for T Levels for September 2020 are not available yet but will be released by April 2020.
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