

# T Level Technical Qualification Fees - FAQs

## What is a Technical Qualification (TQ)?

TQs are the substantial part of a T Level, which will follow KS4 and be equivalent to at least three A Levels.

Read more about T Levels on the Government website [here](#).

## How much does a TQ cost?

The TQ registration fee is a once-only payment. This registers the student onto the TQ that is part of their T Level. The registration fee includes the \*first entry to the Core Component assessments (Core Examinations and the Employer Set Project) and the Occupational Specialist Component assessment. \*Please note, Providers must enter students for the assessment window they wish to take the assessment in (see below).

Further assessment entries (i.e. re-sits) will incur an assessment entry fee.

You can view all registration and entry fees on the Provider Admin section on the [Course Materials page](#) of each T Level Technical Qualification.

## When is the TQ registration deadline?

The registration deadline is **1 November each year**. All registrations received after this date will incur a late or very late fee.

Registrations received on and after **2 November** will incur a late fee in addition to the registration fee.

Registrations made on and after **24 December** will incur a very late fee in addition to the registration fee.

## When is the assessment entry deadline?

Entry deadlines for the Core Component assessments and Occupational Specialist Component assessment can be found in our TQ Key Dates Schedule.

## November series

The standard entry deadline is **5 October each year**.

All entries received on or after **6 October** will incur a late fee.

### **Summer Series**

The standard entry deadline is **21 February each year**.

All entries received on or after **22 February** will incur a late fee.

Entries received on and after the opening date of assessments will incur a very late fee. Please note the opening dates of assessments will vary.

### **What post-results services (PRS) will be available?**

We will offer the following post-results services;

- Access to student assessment evidence
- Clerical check
- Review of marking
- Expedited review of marking

Following this there are the following two appeal stages;

- Stage 1 - Paper-based appeal
- Stage 2 - Hearing before panel

### **Will PRS fees be refunded where grades change?**

Yes. All fees charged for reviews or appeals will be refunded in full should grades change.

## **Refunds**

### **Refunding Registration Fees**

The registration fee for a TQ Student, following an academic year registration, will not normally be refunded if he/she withdraws from the programme unless the registration is deleted on or before 31 January.

If we receive a request by 31 January to delete the registration, a refund of fees (as a credit note) will be issued. The request must be made in writing, by email to [examsofficers@pearson.com](mailto:examsofficers@pearson.com)

### **Refunding External Assessment Fees**

Fees for additional assessments (refunds) can be refunded if the assessment booking is withdrawn before the high late fee deadline for that exam session.

### **Transfers**

For any transfer requests, please contact our customer services team at [examsofficers@pearson.com](mailto:examsofficers@pearson.com)

### **Are TQ fees fixed?**

In line with our contract with the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education, fees will be increased by inflation each year.

### **Why are the TQ fees different for different subjects?**

TQ fees are determined as part of the competitive tendering process run by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education, each TQ forms an independent contract and fees are set independently of any other TQ.

### **Why are TQ fees so different to other qualifications such as A Levels?**

TQs are large programmes equivalent to three or four or more GCE A Levels and as such they are funded in line with this, the fees charged are agreed by the Institute as part of the competitive tendering process.

### **Why are TQ fees different from other large two-year full-time programmes?**

The DfE and Ofqual technical guidance for T Levels requires Awarding Organisations to deliver externally set and marked assessment for the T Level. There could be exceptional circumstances for the Occupational Specialist Component where an Awarding Organisation seeks special permission from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (the Institute) and Ofqual, however as these are exceptional circumstances, they are not likely to be the norm.

Externally set and marked assessments are costly, both in creation and marking. The total process involves many touch points to achieve high quality assessments and result outcomes, none of which can currently be automated.

As indicated above, there are several external assessments and the volume of student evidence required to make assessment judgements will be substantial. Pearson will be responsible for marking and grading all student evidence generated.

By contrast, a moderated approach would require Providers to mark all their students' evidence for the Occupational Specialist Component project, and potentially the Employer Set Project for the Core Component. We believe this would take an extensive period of time, eat into time best used for teaching and learning, and cause manageability issues for the Provider. Internal marking would need to be completed before Pearson could conduct a moderation visit and moderate a sample of student evidence. Pearson's adoption of external assessment allows tutors to focus on the teaching and learning of the TQ content and time to prepare students for external assessment - and not allocate time to mark substantial pieces of student evidence. As a result, Pearson takes on the responsibility of marking student evidence - thus transferring the responsibility and marking time from Providers; hence as an Awarding Organisation Pearson rightly bears the cost and resource burden of this process and charges a registration and entry fee appropriate to recoup this.