



# T Level students will have the option to receive a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) for the Core Component this summer

Dear Test,

## Core Component Assessment Update

In the recent consultation on arrangements for assessing vocational and technical qualifications this summer the DfE had proposed students could opt to take the Employer Set Project this summer, but Core Exams would be deferred until the autumn 2021.

Given what Providers told the DfE in response to the consultation, they have agreed that, students can have the option to receive a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) for the whole Core Component this summer. This approach:

- means students will receive an overall Core grade (A\* - E) in August that accounts for the Core Exams and the Employer Set Project.
- aims to give students more time to prepare for their Occupational Specialism project and to go out on their industry placement in the second year.

The DfE will work closely with Ofqual as they monitor how Pearson implement the approach to TAG for the Core assessment, to ensure:

- the approach for T Levels recognises these are new qualifications, without a history of awarding, and this may mean offering you further guidance and support compared to other qualifications.

- where appropriate, there is a consistent approach across T Levels, and the approach for T level students is as fair as possible relative to the approach used for other qualifications.

## **When will the results be issued?**

T Level results for the Core Component will be issued w/c 9th August, in line with AS and A levels.

## **Can a student challenge their result?**

Yes, we recognise some students receiving a TAG this summer may want to challenge their results. Pearson will offer an appeals process – drawing on practice, as appropriate, from other qualification appeals processes.

## **Can a student resit?**

Yes - if students opt to receive a grade for the Core Component in the summer, they can still choose to retake either part of the Core Component in the November 2021 and/or summer 2022 series.

## **Does a student have to be given a TAG?**

No – students do not have to be given a TAG for the Core Component this summer. We know some Providers were always intending on using the November 2021 series as the initial attempt for the Core Component – you can still do this, or the summer 2022 series if you wish.

## **What to do next**

For now, continue your teaching and delivery. Once students are back learning with you in the classroom, and if students receive grades this summer through the TAG process, we hope they will be able to complete as much of the Core Component as is reasonable before you determine their grades.

We know you'll have lot of questions as to how this will work, what evidence will be required, and when TAGs must be submitted. Once we know more detail, we will let you know, and we will be hosting webinar events to support you through the TAG process.

## **Upcoming webinars**

Our regular half termly network sessions will next take place on:

- [Construction: Tuesday, 9 March 2021, 1pm](#)
- [Digital: Wednesday, 10 March 2021, 4pm](#)

Whilst not designed to support the TAG process, we will endeavour to update you as much as we can in these sessions. [We also have some FAQs here.](#)

In the meantime, if you have any questions please [contact us.](#)

**All the best,  
The Pearson T Levels Team**



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