



T-LEVELS



THE NEXT *LEVEL* QUALIFICATION GUIDE FOR EMPLOYERS



WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T LEVELS ARE A NEW NATIONAL QUALIFICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ACROSS ENGLAND FROM SEPTEMBER 2021. HOWEVER, IN SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTRY LEARNERS WILL BE ABLE TO STUDY FOR THESE QUALIFICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2020.

Dudley is one of these areas as Dudley College of Technology has been chosen to pilot the first group of T Levels in three curriculum areas of: Construction, Digital and Education and Childcare.

The "T" in T Levels stands for Technical, the idea behind these qualifications is that they will introduce a new system of technical education to provide a high quality technical option alongside an academic option for students aged 16 to 19

HOW HAVE EMPLOYERS BEEN INVOLVED IN T LEVELS?

The 2-year T Level courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content will meet the needs of industry and prepare learners for the real world of work. Employers and professional bodies representing a range of employers such as the CBI, have been appointed to chair new panels which will design the content of the next set of new T Levels so that young people will gain the skills employers need for the future.

T LEVELS WILL FOLLOW GCSES AND WILL BE EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS.

T Levels will combine classroom theory, practical learning and a 3-month industry placement to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

From September 2019 T Levels will be available in three pilot areas of childcare (education pathway), digital (software applications and design pathway) and construction (building services and engineering pathway).

IN 2021, T LEVELS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN A WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECTS THAN THE THREE PILOT AREAS, AND WILL INCLUDE:

- ⤴ Accountancy
- ⤴ Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- ⤴ Animal Care and Management
- ⤴ Building Services
- ⤴ Engineering
- ⤴ Craft and Design
- ⤴ Cultural Heritage and Visitor Attractions
- ⤴ Design, Development and Control
- ⤴ Design, Surveying and Planning
- ⤴ Digital Business Services
- ⤴ Digital Production, Design and Development
- ⤴ Digital Support Services
- ⤴ Education
- ⤴ Financial
- ⤴ Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics
- ⤴ Health
- ⤴ Healthcare Science
- ⤴ Human Resources
- ⤴ Legal
- ⤴ Maintenance, Installation and Repair
- ⤴ Management and Administration
- ⤴ Manufacturing and Process
- ⤴ Media, Broadcast and Production
- ⤴ Onsite Construction
- ⤴ Science.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE EMPLOYER IN A T LEVEL?

Employers will offer students a 3 month work experience within their business. This might be in the form of a block release placement or in chunks of on the job activity. Employers will mentor the young people they take on in the same way they would any new member of staff.

WHY ARE T LEVELS GOOD FOR BUSINESS?

Employers have constantly maintained that young people do not have the kind of basic employability skills they need, skills like time-keeping, team working and the ability to work with a range of people, so this new qualification will allow them to develop this skill set.

Employers will also have the ability to assess the skill set of potential future employees in a way that would lend itself to future recruitment.

WHY IS DUDLEY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CHOOSING TO PILOT T LEVELS?

Dudley College of Technology has been selected by the government to pilot T Levels as it has a proven track record of technical education that includes successfully delivering previous technical qualifications, such as NVQs and BTEC Diplomas.

WHO ARE T LEVELS FOR?

T Levels are ideal for young people moving on from GCSE studies who want to combine a practical approach to studying with academic skills. A central part of the T Level programme is a 3-month industry placement with an employer.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A T LEVEL AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

T Levels will include about 20% of the time being spent on a work placement with 80% being spent in the classroom. This differs to an Apprenticeship which is typically 80% in employment and 20% in the classroom.

WILL I PAY A WAGE TO THE STUDENT WHILST THEY ARE ON WORK PLACEMENT WITH ME?

No, employers will not have to pay a wage when students are studying on a T Level they are simply on a work placement with you.

OPEN DAYS:

Saturday 19th October 2019 10am - 2pm

Saturday 18th January 2020 10am - 2pm

Saturday 14th March 2020 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 10th June 2020 4pm - 7pm



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FIND OUT MORE!

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW T LEVELS CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv3zpEAm3sk&feature=youtu.be



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