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T-Levels

Technical levels (T-Levels) are new Level 3 qualifications that follow on from GCSEs.

T-Levels were launched in September 2020 and offer an alternative to A Levels/IB/BTEC or apprenticeships.

What is a T-Level?

A T-Level is equivalent to three A levels and, like A levels or BTECS, these qualifications also take 2 years to complete. They are offered in vocational areas and have been developed in conjunction with employers.

On a T-Level course, students will spend 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% completing the equivalent of 45-days (315 hours) of meaningful work-experience with an employer. The work placement provides the opportunity to put skills and knowledge from the classroom into practice. The time spent with an employer can be made up of a block period of time or individual days and this may vary from course to course and from one course provider to another.

What T-Levels can you study?

There are 23 T-Levels in total and these are being rolled out across the UK in phases until September 2023.

Available now
- [Design, surveying and planning for construction](#)
- [Digital production, design and development](#)
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- [Building Services Engineering for Construction](#)
- [Digital Business Services](#)
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- [Accounting](#)
- [Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
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- [Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Management and Administration](#)
- [Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)

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- [Agriculture, Land Management and Production](#)
- [Animal Care and Management](#)
- [Catering](#)
- [Craft and Design](#)
- [Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy](#)
- [Legal Services](#)
- [Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

T-Levels may not be available at every college or sixth form, so check individual colleges and sixth forms carefully.

What about exams?

Assessment takes place through a combination of exams, coursework, workplace observations, an employer project and an end-point assessment.

To pass a T-Level, students must fully complete the industry placement element of the course and gain the necessary level of work experience which will be validated by an employer.

T-Levels will be graded like BTECs - Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*. They are included in the UCAS Tariff as follows:

UCAS TARIFF POINTS	T LEVEL OVERALL GRADE	A Level
168	Distinction*	AAA*
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E)	DDD

Do universities accept T-Levels?

As T-Levels are a new qualification, some universities have yet to decide if they will accept them. To see a list of university providers who have confirmed that T-Levels are suitable for entry to one course or more, see [here](#).

We advise that students should check individual degree courses very carefully, not just the university.

What else could follow from studying a T-Level?

T-Levels will be recognised by some Higher or Degree Apprenticeships providers – check carefully.

T-levels can also provide the relevant skills, knowledge and experience to apply for job roles in a related career area.

Where can I study a T-Level ?

T-Levels will be available at some Further Education Colleges throughout the country. A few examples are below

Abingdon and Whitney College

Bath College

Bridgewater and Taunton College

City of Oxford College

Cirencester College

New College Swindon

PETROC

South Devon College

Strode College

Weston College

Yeovil College

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