

## Education and Childcare T Level announcement

### Frequently Asked Questions

	Question	Answer
1	How can you ensure that a learner will be occupationally competent to practice following successful completion of a T Level?	<p>Employers and providers have worked together to develop the outline content for the T Level, with support from DfE and the Institute.</p> <p>Groups of employers define the skills and requirements for each T Level course by participating in T Level panels. This ensures that students taking T Levels will develop the technical knowledge and skills required by employers in that industry.</p> <p>The T Level panels have been developing the content for the qualification, based on the same standards as apprenticeships and these plans are being tested and reviewed with students, education providers and employers.</p> <p>The Technical Qualification (TQ) criteria states it is expected that a learner who successfully achieves the Early Years Education and Childcare occupational specialism will be counted in the employment ratios for childcare.</p>
2	How can my centre apply to be in the next phase) of T Level providers?	<p>If your centre is not already an approved T Level provider and interested in delivering T Levels you must submit your expression of interest to the Institute.</p> <p>To express your interest in delivering T Levels, or to find out when the next round of applications are open, visit the <a href="https://www.gov.uk">gov.uk website</a>.</p>
3	Will the Education and Childcare T Level provide a licence to practice upon successful completion?	<p>Learners who successfully achieve the Early Years Education and Childcare occupational specialism will be counted in the employment ratios for childcare.</p>

4	How will T Levels be funded?	We expect the DfE to undertake a review of Level 3 qualifications. The expectation is that funding will be withdrawn for other qualifications where there is a T Level programme in place.
5	When will the Education and Childcare T Level be rolled out to all providers?	By 2022 the Education and Childcare T Level will be available for delivery by all providers that want to or are able to. By 2024 it is expected that the vast majority of providers will be delivering T Levels.
7	Will I need to move all my childcare qualifications to CACHE now you have been assigned as the T Level provider?	NCFE will be the only Awarding Organisation eligible to offer the Technical Qualification component of the Education and Childcare T Level. We have a team of account executives who will be happy to contact you to discuss your options.
8	When will the T Level be launched?	September 2020 for Wave 1 providers.  From September 2021 all pathways from the Education and Childcare, Construction, Digital, and Health and Science T Levels will be rolled out for delivery for Wave 1 and Wave 2 providers.
10	Do you have information packs that I can send to my colleagues?	For more information on T Levels please visit the Gov.uk website ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels</a> ). In addition, we will be regularly updating the T Level page on our website.
12	What is a Wave 1 provider (early adopter)?	A Wave 1 provider (early adopter) is part of a group of providers in the sector that have already expressed an interest in delivering the T Level and who have been selected and approved by the DfE to pilot the new qualification in September 2020. A list of the approved Wave 1 and 2 providers is <a href="#">here</a> .

13	Will there be training around the Education and Childcare T Level?	<p>Yes. To start with this will be for the approved Wave 1 providers. Your account executives will be contacting you with relevant information.</p> <p>Teach the T training events will be held on the following dates:</p> <p>Leeds 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020          London 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020          Birmingham 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p>
14	Has CACHE developed the T Level?	<p>The T Level panel, made up of sector experts, have been responsible for developing the outline content of the Education and Childcare Technical Qualification. CACHE will now be working with the Panel to develop the qualification specification and developing the assessment strategy for the qualification.</p>
15	Will the T Level have UCAS points?	<p>Yes, the T Level will have UCAS points.</p>
16	When will the specification be available?	<p>A draft Qualification Specification is available <a href="#">now</a>.</p>
17	What will the T Level be covering?	<p>The T Level will be a high-quality Technical Qualification, something that we are used to providing for with CACHE. Each T Level will provide students with ‘core’ knowledge and give them a choice of routes (occupational specialisms). These specialisms correspond to the apprenticeship standards.</p> <p>The ‘core’ content of the Education and Childcare T Level will provide students with an overview of childcare and education from birth to age 19, and cover the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child development;</li> <li>• Supporting education;</li> <li>• Safeguarding, health and safety and well-being;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour;</li> <li>• Observation and assessment;</li> <li>• Equality and diversity;</li> <li>• Special educational needs and disability;</li> <li>• English as an additional language;</li> <li>• Parents, families and carers;</li> <li>• Working with others;</li> <li>• Reflective practice.</li> </ul> <p>The Education and Childcare TQ will have three occupational specialisms in it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Years Education and Childcare</li> <li>• Assisting Teaching</li> <li>• Supporting and Mentoring students in Further and Higher Education.</li> </ul>
18	<p>With the T Level will we be able to register our learners in the same way as we currently do with CACHE? The Certificate in the first year and the Diploma in the second year?</p>	<p>No, the T Level will be a two-year programme and there will not be separate registrations, just the one.</p>
19	<p>Can a centre continue to deliver current Technical Level qualifications?</p>	<p>Current Level 3 Technical Level qualifications are a different type of qualification to the T Levels, they're different qualifications just with very similar names. Centres can continue to offer these – but should always check they're still included on the Key Stage 5 tables. We'll provide updates to our centres regarding any changes as and when we have them.</p>

20	How do I become approved to offer T Levels?	To offer the T Level qualifications centres currently have to go through a process managed by the Education and Skills funding Agency. Information regarding this is published on GOV.UK: T Levels: next steps for providers <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/t-levels-next-steps-for-providers#expression-of-interest-to-deliver-t-levels-in-the-2021-to-2022-academic-year">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/t-levels-next-steps-for-providers#expression-of-interest-to-deliver-t-levels-in-the-2021-to-2022-academic-year</a>
21	How will the IQA / EQA model work?	This is currently under development/review.
22	In relation to destinations and progression pathways, what are they going to be for university and industry?	The progression pathway for the T Levels is for students to progress into either further learning or work.
23	In relation to EQA Support, when does that start and should we know our EQAs now?	External quality assurance is currently under review with IfATE.
24	Can you ensure we will have the same EQAs?	External quality assurance is currently under review with IfATE. Key individuals who are first point of contact will be shared with you.
25	Could some of the content be covered and assessed during placement?	Placements, whilst likely to be undertaken during the core will not be subject to formal assessment until the student is studying their occupational specialism.
26	When will supporting text books be available?	These will be available in time for 2020 planning.
27	Will it be a separate certification (like science A level)?	Learners will receive a certificate for the Technical Qualification as well as for the T Level Programme as a whole.
29	Will the employer mark the project?	No, the Employer Set Project is set and marked by NCFE. Employers are involved in the design and consulted on the expected standards of the students work but will not mark the project.

30	If learners drop off in year 1 do they gain any qualification?	A transcript will be provided to detail where student is up to and what they have achieved along their T Level journey.
31	In relation to GoCareer are you any closer to building a desk based computer version as so many of the nursery settings do not have tablets?	Yes the web (desk based computer) functions have been added to the requirements for employers, tutors and centre admin. All of the functions available on the mobile app will also be available on desk based computers and laptops. This will be ready to use when we launch the product in March 2020.
32	When will the final specification be available?	April 2020
33	What date are the Teach the T events?	Leeds 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 London 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 Birmingham 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
34	If we're not part of the pilot group for resources, when can we access these?	The scheme of work will be available at the end of March / beginning of April and will be in draft form until the final qualification specification is available. Samples of the classroom packs will be available at the Teach the T events in March and we will then release the full classroom packs (sessions) in June/ July.