

T LEVELS (Technical Qualifications)

T Levels: What they are?

T Levels are new 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels. Launched in September 2020, these courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for entry into skilled employment, an apprenticeship or related technical study through further or higher education.

T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of at least 315 hours – approximately 45 days.

The courses are available at selected colleges, schools and other providers across England.



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How T Levels will work with other qualifications

T Levels will become one of the main choices for students after GCSEs alongside:

- apprenticeships for students who wish to learn a specific occupation 'on the job'
- A levels for students who wish to continue academic education
- other qualifications not served by A levels or T levels, including sport science, performing arts and small qualifications designed to be taken alongside A levels

The Department of Education (DfE) is streamlining and improving the quality of the post-16 level 3 qualifications system. We are strengthening progression pathways, creating clearly defined academic and technical routes with high quality qualifications leading to further study, and/or skilled employment. This will help students to make good choices and see more easily how their study will help them to progress.

T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, designed by employers and approved by the [Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education \(the Institute\)](#).

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Structure of a T Level

T Levels require students to undertake both a technical qualification and an industry placement with an employer.

Students will also be required to work towards the attainment of maths and English if they have not already achieved grade 4 at GCSE, as they do on other 16 to 19 programmes. However, T Level students are no longer required to achieve either a grade 4 in English and maths GCSE or level 2 in functional skills to pass their programme.

For more information please click on the links

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels#t-levels-what-they-are.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels#t-levels-what-they-are)

OxLEP Skills: Industry Placements

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=f6jTozNjDM&embeds_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oxfordshirelep.com%2Fapprenticeships-vocational-pathways&feature=emb_logo