



T-LEVELS

What are T-Levels?

- T-Level stands for “Technical Level” and is a new qualification aimed at 16-19 year olds.
- It is a 2 year course which can be started after GCSEs and is designed to get students “work ready.”
- It is the equivalent of taking 3 A-Levels. {Therefore if you take 1 T-Level, this is the same as someone taking 3 A-Levels.} It is therefore a Level 3 course.
- T-Levels have been designed with employers and businesses “so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study.” {www.gov.uk/}
- T-Levels offer a mixture of both classroom learning and on-the-job training { 80% classroom and 20% on-the-job training.}
- Students must complete an industry placement as part of the T-Level for approximately 45 days in total or at least 315 hours. This can be completed over 2 employers if needed and as 1 day a week, as a solid block, in smaller blocks or a mixture of all of these options.

What subjects can I do a T-Level in?

T-Levels were launched in September 2020 and here is the plan of subject areas from 2020 to 2023.

Launched in September 2020

- ✓ Design, surveying and planning for construction
- ✓ Digital Production, design and development
- ✓ Education and Childcare

Launched in September 2021

- ✓ Building Services Engineering for Construction
- ✓ Digital Business Services
- ✓ Digital Support Services
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Healthcare Science
- ✓ Onsite Construction
- ✓ Science

To be launched in September 2022

- ✓ Management and Administration
- ✓ Engineering Manufacturing Design and Development
- ✓ Maintenance, Installation
- ✓ and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
- ✓ Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
- ✓ Accounting
- ✓ Finance

To be launched in September 2023

- ✓ Agriculture, land management and production
- ✓ animal care and management
- ✓ catering
- ✓ craft and design
- ✓ hair, beauty and aesthetics
- ✓ human resources
- ✓ legal
- ✓ media, broadcast and production

Where can I study a T-Level?

For the full list of nationwide T-Level Providers, please click on the following link;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/providers-selected-to-deliver-t-levels>

However, for the more local providers in the West Midlands area, the following establishments offer T-Levels;

- ✓ Access Creative College {Access to Music Ltd}
- ✓ Burton and South Derbyshire College
- ✓ City of Stoke on Trent Sixth Form College
- ✓ Dudley College of Technology
- ✓ Grace Academy Darlaston
- ✓ Halesowen College
- ✓ Heart of Worcestershire College
- ✓ Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College
- ✓ North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College
- ✓ Sandwell College
- ✓ Solihull College and University Centre
- ✓ South and City College Birmingham
- ✓ The JCB Academy
- ✓ University College Birmingham
- ✓ Walsall College
- ✓ Warwickshire College Group
- ✓ WMG Academy for Young Engineers

What qualifications do I need to take a T-Level?

Students would need GCSE grades 4 and above, including English and Maths to enter a T-Level qualification. Some providers ask for at least 3 GCSE's, whereas others may ask for at least 5 GCSE's. Therefore, it is important to check what the college / training provider would like before you apply.

However, some providers may also allow you to take English and Maths alongside the T-Level.

How would the T-Level be graded?

Students will receive an overall grade of either a pass, merit, distinction or distinction*.

The certificate will also show a breakdown which also includes a separate grade from A* to E for the core component.

What are the benefits of studying a T-Level?

T-Levels are for students who would like to try out a particular industry and it gives them the opportunity to put their skills and knowledge into practice. Students are able to grow in confidence in a given sector and learn to transfer their existing skills first hand into the workplace. It also gives students the initial experience required to gain employment.

What can I do after a T-Level?

A T-Level is a nationally recognised qualification and as it is the equivalent to 3 A-Levels, you would receive the same level of UCAS points which means you could go to University.

Alternatively, you can go straight into the workplace with skilled employment, further or higher education, or start a higher level apprenticeship.

How does it differ from an A-Level?

An A-Level is more academic based learning which takes place at school or college, whereas a T-Level is more practical based learning, which is very much employer led.

How does a T-Level differ from an Apprenticeship?

- A T-Level is split between 80% study or time in the classroom where students learn theory and develop practical skills and the other 20% is spent in an industry placement where they put the theory and skills into action.
- An Apprenticeship is the opposite way around with 20% in the classroom and 80% in the workplace.

Useful Websites

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk>

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdr28hv>