

## The latest news and insights

# T Levels Quarterly E-bulletin October 2023

## Hello,

Welcome to the first T Levels e-bulletin of the 2023-2024 academic year, and to National T Levels Week. We hope you'll be joining us this week to celebrate all things T Levels.

As we move into October the standard learner registration window remains open. For those booking learners onto the autumn series of core assessments, we're now into the late assessment booking period, which runs until 15 October. There are more registration and booking reminders below.

You'll also find reminders about the approval process for those who have been through this process this year, information about tutor resources, subject-specific news as well as some details about our activities for National T Levels Week.

## This quarter's highlights



#### **Provider approval process**

If you were approved to deliver a T Level in Summer 2023, you may have received actions with your approval report. Your TQA should have already reached out to organise a meeting to review the actions. Please be aware that your approval is subject to these actions being resolved in time for September delivery. If you have any questions, the Technicals Quality team can discuss this further with you.



#### Find out more



#### Tutor resources update

We have released many of our tutor resources to support delivery staff. These include schemes of work, worksheets, PowerPoints and multiple-choice questions for each knowledge outcome. To locate and download these resources visit the 'Tutor resources' section of the **Resource Hub**.

# Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care T Level

The tutor resources we have developed for the Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care common core underpinning knowledge outcomes are all available on the T Levels Resource Hub

#### **Hodder Education textbooks**

Hodder Education have published the following textbooks which cover the core components of each pathway. Follow the links below for more information.

Engineering and Manufacturing T Level: Core

Management and Administration T Level: Core

**Onsite Construction T Level: Core** 

Building Services Engineering for Construction T Level: Core

#### Visit the Resource Hub



#### Assessment update



#### Registrations

The registration window for the below T Level Technical Qualifications (TQs) is now open:

- Building Services Engineering
- Onsite Construction
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Management and Administration
- Agriculture, Land Management and Production

To register your learners, please visit **Walled Garden**. The standard registration window closes on Wednesday 1 November and from Thursday 2 November, late fees will apply.

#### **Autumn series**

The standard entry (booking) period for the autumn series has now passed (30 September). Any entries for the autumn core assessments, including the Employer-Set project (ESP), of the below TQs will now incur late fees:

- Building Services Engineering
- Onsite Construction
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Management and Administration

For providers who have learners booked onto the autumn series, on-demand support webinars looking at preparing for core theory exams and ESP are available on our **events page**.

Summer 2023 Core Reports and past assessment materials are available on the relevant qualification webpage below to support preparation for the autumn series.

- 8710 Building Services Engineering
- 8711 Onsite Construction
- 8730 Engineering and Manufacturing
- 8715 Management and Administration

Please note, that passwords for past question papers and mark schemes are available on the relevant Walled Garden Catalogue page.

#### Summer Occupational Specialisms (OS)

Entries (bookings) can be made for the summer OS assessment for the below TQs:

- Building Services Engineering
- Onsite Construction
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Management and Administration

Bookings can be made via <u>Walled Garden</u>. The OS assessment booking window closes as per the relevant date below, and from the following day, late fees will apply.



Building Services Engineering: 20 November Onsite Construction: 20 November Engineering and Manufacturing: 18 December Management and Administration: 20 November

#### **Reminder: Changes to T levels Core Assessments**

The Department for Education (DfE) is changing its policy on how students can take their Core Exams and Employer-Set Project (Core Project) which are part of the T Level Technical Qualification.

Instead of being required to take these assessments together in the same series for their first attempt, as of September 2023 learners are now able to take each of the assessments separately.

This means, for example, that a learner could choose to take the Core Exam(s) in one series (e.g., summer) and the Core Project in another series (e.g., autumn). The two series can be across different years of the programme. This change has been made to offer more flexibility to both learners and providers.

Please note that where the core exam contains more than one component (e.g., Paper 1 and Paper 2) these must continue to be taken together in the same series, they cannot be split across multiple series.

Further information can be found on the link below.

#### Find out more



In-person support events in London and Wakefield In December we will be hosting two face-to-face T Level core assessment support events, brought to you by City & Guilds, EAL and ILM.

Bringing together centres who are delivering the T Level core to share good practice, this event is free-of-charge and will be relevant to providers currently delivering as well as those intending to deliver T Levels.

This session is aimed at delivery staff delivering the T Level core assessment in:

- Onsite Construction
- Building Services Engineering
- Engineering and Manufacturing (all three pathways)
- Management and Administration
- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

If you attended these events last year, you do not need to attend again as we will be covering similar topics. However, if any staff members were not able to attend, or are new to T Levels, please feel free to register and come along.

Tuesday 19 December, 10.00-13.00

Wednesday 20 December, 10.00-13.00

Register for the Wakefield event

**Register for the London event** 

# **City & Guilds Technical Qualifications (TQs)**

# Onsite Construction and Building Services Engineering

#### **Specification Update – Physical Resources**

The T Level qualification specifications for Onsite Construction and Building Services Engineering have been updated to include further detail about the physical resources required for each of the Occupational Specialisms.

Please download the latest versions of the specifications found on our website:



#### Read more



#### **Management and Administration**

#### **Download the report**

Don't forget to access our Core assessment report regarding this summer's candidate performance in the Core theory papers and the ESP. It can be used as a feedback tool for providers in order to support and enhance teaching and preparation for assessment.

#### Read more

Should you have any queries regarding the Management an J Administration T Level TQ, please reach out to **Dom Green** or **Karen Egan** 

## **Engineering and Manufacturing**

#### Q & A teams call

With the autumn series assessments just around the corner, we have a Q&A Teams call with our Engineering team booked in for providers to join in October. During the session, we will be available to answer questions in relation to the delivery of the core assessments, including both the core theory exam and the ESP.

In preparation for this session, please watch our ondemand webinar, 'Preparing for the core exams and assessments' and 'Preparing for the ESP'.



#### Read more



# Agriculture, Land Management and Production

#### **TQ** accreditation

Any providers planning to start delivery of either Agriculture, Land Management and Production or Animal Care and Management in September 2024 can get further support and guidance from the Technical Advisor for Land, **Sarah Cocks.** 

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Other news

#### National T Levels Week

The focus of this week is on continuing to raise awareness of the many T Level pathways now available and showcase the success of the programmes. We have lots of things planned this week, so keep an eye on our social media channels!

#### **Colleges Week**

This fortnight-long Colleges Week will focus on the ways colleges support local skills, labour markets and life chances and the role colleges play in supporting the national economy as well as how with greater investment the sector can help boost the country's flagging productivity levels.

#### **Advanced Engineering 2023**

City & Guilds and EAL will be exhibiting at the Advanced Engineering show in November. If you're attending the event, please drop by our stand Y161 in the exhibition hall where we'll have company reps including Chris Platt, our industry Manager for Engineering available if you have any questions.

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#### Call out for providers for Q&A

We're looking for providers who have been delivering the Onsite Construction and/or Building Services Engineering T Level TQs to answer a few questions. The questions can be emailed over and should take no longer than 5 mins to complete. If you'd like to take part, please email **Sarah Sewell** 

## **EFT updates**

# Book now: Understanding T Levels for frontline staff in schools

Are you a teacher in KS3, 4 or 5 and interested in knowing more about T Levels? Do you want to find out about T Level structure, content and the wider context of technical education policy to inform your discussions with learners about T Levels?



If yes, **book your place** on the Education and Training Foundation's upcoming in-person Understanding T Levels for front fine staff in schools courses taking place on the dates below:

- Friday 20 October, 10am-5pm
- Face-to-face, venue: The Principal York, Station Road, YO24 1AA
- Friday 20 October, 10am-5pm
- Face-to-face, venue: Association of Colleges, 2-5 Stedham Place, WC1A 1HU
- Friday 27 October, 10am-5pm
  Face-to-face, venue: Millennium Point, Curzon Street, B4 7XG

By attending this course, you will gain the knowledge and confidence to:

- understand why T Levels are being introduced,
- be aware of the range of T Levels and their timeline for implementation, understand the key structure, content, assessment, awarding and grading of T Levels,

- consider what the students you work with need to understand about T Levels, in order for them to be able to make effective and fully-informed post-16 choices, and
- be aware of how T Levels may impact on your local schools' post-16 curriculum strategy.

