



T Levels April update

Dear Centre,

Included below is your April update for T Levels from City & Guilds.

In this update you'll find the following key items:

- Summer 2025 series: Core exams entry window open
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Summer 2025 series: Core exams entry window open

Entry windows remain open for student entries onto the T Level core examinations for summer 2025. Please ensure students are entered for the required exams ahead of these dates.

Please be reminded that students may use either the upcoming summer 2025 series, or the following autumn 2025 series as their first attempt at core exams. Students must sit both exam papers within the same series.

Please ensure that you review and use the dates listed below as there have been amendments to previously published dates.

Entries which are received within the late or very late entry windows will incur additional fees. For full details of late and very late entry fees, please see guidance on the [T Levels Resource Hub](#) (located within the 'Fees' section).

	Late entry window	Very late entry window
Core exams (all T Level Technical Qualifications)	01 April-30 April 2025	01 May-31 May 2025

Employer-Set Project assessment windows

Information is provided below on Employer-Set Project assessment windows.

You can find more guidance and resources on the [T Levels Resource Hub](#), including information on processes, evidence requirements, and marking.

	Assessment window	Upload deadline
8717 Animal Care and Management	24 March - 09 May 2025	09 May 2025
8710 Building Services Engineering	31 March - 09 May 2025	
8711 Onsite Construction		
8715 Management and Administration		
8717 Agriculture, Land Management and Production		
8730 Engineering and Manufacturing		

We have produced a number of video guides to support centres in delivering Employer-Set Project assessments and ensuring that all evidence is uploaded by the deadline of 09 May 2025.

You can view these guides by clicking on the links below:

Delivering assessments and uploading evidence – guidance webinar



Completing assessment documentation



Tips for recording evidence



Uploading learner evidence



Occupational Specialism assessment windows

Information is provided below on Occupational Specialism assessment windows.

You can find more guidance and resources on the [T Levels Resource Hub](#), including information on processes, evidence requirements, and marking.

	City & Guilds Qualification number Occupational Specialism	City & Guilds Occupational Specialism Assessment(s)	Assessment window	Upload deadline
8717 Agriculture, Land Management and Production	8717-44 Ornamental and Environment Horticulture and Landscaping	8717- 404 Ornamental and Environment Horticulture and Landscaping	13 January- 16 May 2025	16 May 2025
	8717-45 Trees and Woodland Management and Maintenance (Arboriculture)	8717-405 Trees and Woodland Management and Maintenance (Arboriculture)		
	8717-43 Livestock Production	8717- 403 Livestock Production		
	8717- 40 Crop, Woodland and Horticulture Tasks 2-5	8717- 400 Crop, Woodland and Horticulture Tasks 2-5		
8710 Building Services Engineering	8710-33 Electrotechnical Engineering	8710-353 Electrotechnical Engineering	03 February- 16 May 2025	
	8710-34 Gas Engineering	8710-354 Gas Engineering		
	8710-36 Plumbing Engineering & Heating Engineering	8710-356 Plumbing Engineering <i>and</i> 8710-355 Heating Engineering		
	8711-35 Bricklaying	8711-305 Bricklaying		

8711 Onsite Construction	8711-36 Carpentry & Joinery	8711-306 Carpentry and Joinery	
	8711-37 Painting & Decorating	8711-307 Painting and Decorating	
8715 Management and Administration	8715-31 Business Improvement	8715-311 Business Improvement	
	8715-32 Team Leadership and Management	8715-312 Team Leadership and Management	
	8715-33 Business Support	8715-313 Business Support	
8717 Agriculture, Land Management and Production	8717-42 Land-based Engineering	8717-402 Land-based Engineering	03 March-16 May 2025
8712 Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing	8712-31 Mechanical	8712-311 Mechanical	24 March-16 May 2025
	8712-32 Mechatronic	8712-312 Mechatronic	
	8712-33 Electrical and electronic	8712-313 Electrical and Electronic	
	8712-34 Control and instrumentation	8712-314 Control and Instrumentation	
	8712-35 Light and electric vehicles	8712-315 Light and Electric Vehicles	
8713 Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control	8713-31 Fitting and assembly technologies	8713-331 Fitting and Assembly Technologies	
	8713-32 Machining and toolmaking technologies	8713-332 Machining and Toolmaking Technologies	
	8713-33 Composites manufacturing technologies	8713-333 Composites Manufacturing Technologies	
	8713-34 Fabrication and welding technologies	8713-334 Fabrication and Welding Technologies	
8714 Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing	8714-31 Mechanical engineering	8714-321 Mechanical Engineering	
	8714-32 Electrical and electronic engineering	8714-322 Electrical and Electronic Engineering	
	8714-33 Control and instrumentation engineering	8714-323 Control and Instrumentation Engineering	

T Levels proposed 2026/2027 key dates for consultation

We would like to ask for feedback from our centres from: tutors, curriculum managers, and exams teams on the suitability of our proposed 2026/2027 key dates for City & Guilds T Levels. This covers Core exam dates, Employer-Set Project assessment windows, and Occupational Specialism assessment windows. The deadline to provide feedback is **Friday, 9 May 2025**.

You will find the proposed dates on our website, by clicking on the link below:

Proposed T Levels
key dates 2026/2027

We are looking for feedback on whether the dates are suitable. You can provide feedback by clicking on the link below to access our consultation:

Feedback form

Approval window for T Level Technical Qualification delivery from September 2025

Each year, City & Guilds opens an approval window where Department for Education approved providers can apply to deliver T Levels with City & Guilds.

If you have previously completed an approval but have deferred delivery for two academic years, your approval will have lapsed. If you would like to deliver from September 2025 please submit a Self-Assessment and Staff Listing document to technicals.quality@cityandguilds.com.

The approval window opened on **Monday, 24 February 2025**, and will continue until **Friday, 27 June 2025**.

T Level approval timeline

The T Level Technical Qualifications which are available for approval are set out in the table below.

	Approval window
8717 Animal Care and Management	24 February 2025-27 June 2025
8717 Agriculture, Land Management and Production	
8715 Management and Administration	

8714 Engineering and Manufacturing: Design and Development	
8712 Engineering and Manufacturing: Maintenance, Installation and Repair	
8713 Engineering and Manufacturing: Manufacturing, Processing and Control	

Please note that T Levels in Building Services Engineering and Onsite Construction will no longer be open for new entries with City & Guilds for the 2025/26 academic year.

Building Services Engineering

Eduqas, in partnership with EAL, has been selected by IfATE to develop the next generation of the T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction from September 2025. If you are delivering the T Level in Building Services Engineering from September 2025, Eduqas are the Awarding organisation delivering this T Level. You can contact them via tlevels@eduqas.co.uk or visit www.eduqas.co.uk/tlevels

If you have learners registered on Building Services Engineering prior to September 2025, City & Guilds will continue to support you. If you have any questions, please contact the City & Guilds Customer Support team.

Onsite Construction

Following the outcome of its review into Level 3 qualification reform, the Department for Education has confirmed that new enrolments onto the T Level in Onsite Construction will cease, with the September 2024 entrants being the final group of students to enter onto it.

Students currently enrolled on the T Level in Onsite Construction will be able to complete it as intended. Further information on the review can be found [here](#).

T Level industry placement support sessions

Over the next few months, the Department for Education and the Strategic Development Network are hosting several practical online and in-person sessions to help you explore, plan, and host T Level industry placements.

Each session gives you the chance to hear from employers already hosting placements and about the government support available to help you.

The sessions are:

Build your own T Level placements – 23 April ➔	Helping T Level students achieve learning goals – 24 April ➔
T Level industry placements: making the business case – 29 April ➔	Preparing to host an industry placement – 6 May ➔
Building sustainable placement programmes – 8 May ➔	Building T Level placements in construction – 21 May ➔
T Level employer support conference (East Midlands) – 25 June ➔	

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Students should be reminded that the purpose of the Employer-Set Project and Occupational Specialism is to reflect their own abilities at responding to and generating evidence for the tasks. AI misuse constitutes malpractice which may result in malpractice sanctions for the student involved. Centres should ensure students are aware of the guidance on the use/misuse of AI.

What is permitted

AI may be used by a student as a source where use of the Internet is allowed for a research task or where production of evidence is allowed outside of controlled/supervised conditions. You must check the relevant assessment pack/guidance for information on what is permitted for each assessment. The student must be able to demonstrate that the work is their own. Where students use AI, they must acknowledge its use and show clearly how they have used it. How students have decided to use it could impact on the overall mark they are allocated.

What is not permitted

AI misuse is where a student uses an AI tool in an assessment or fails to appropriately reference it in an assessment where internet use is permitted.

Examples include the following:

- Copying sections of AI-generated content so that the work is no longer the student's own will be treated as plagiarism.
- Copying whole responses of AI-generated content will be treated as plagiarism.
- Any use of AI which means students have not independently demonstrated their own attainment is likely to be considered malpractice.
- Failing to reference use of AI tools when they have been used as a source of information.
- Incomplete or poor referencing of AI tools.
- Submitting work with intentionally incomplete or misleading references or bibliographies.

AI misuse constitutes malpractice as defined in the [JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures](#).

We encourage centres to read and reference this guidance. The malpractice sanctions available for the offences of 'making a false declaration of authenticity' and 'plagiarism' include disqualification.

City & Guilds Exams Officer Facebook page

City & Guilds has launched an Exams Officer support page on Facebook. This is a support resource for Exams Officers and other centre staff involved in the delivery of qualifications through City & Guilds. The page will provide updates on dates, deadlines, how to guides, and other key information related to the delivery of qualifications.

Please click on the link below and like and follow the page to receive these updates:

Exams Officer Facebook page



City & Guilds communications survey

In the coming months, City & Guilds will be convening a number of T Levels focus groups, bringing together key people from schools and colleges across the country to look in depth at our work in relation to T Levels. The aim of this is to hear directly from you, so that your thoughts and opinions shape our work moving forward.

If you would like to take part in these focus groups, please complete our short survey by clicking the link below:

City & Guilds communications survey



Centre contact details

As part of the VTQ Timely Delivery of Results checkpoint activity in 2025, centres are encouraged to maintain your own contact information within Walled Garden.

We hope you like the new easy-to-use self-service page in Walled Garden. You can access this by clicking on the **Centre Services** tab (previously **Data Services**), and then clicking on a new **Contact Management** tab. You can view and update all your named Designated Contacts, Qualification Leads, and relevant Centre Staff in one area within three tabs.

Step-by-step instructions on how to provide and maintain your centre contact information can be found by clicking on the guidance document below.

Guidance for maintaining contacts



It is important for all centres to keep their contact details up to date with City & Guilds. It is an Ofqual requirement for us to collect Senior Designated Contact information, and it is essential that it is accurate so that we can keep you updated on key information about the delivery of our VTQ qualifications.

Contact us

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information contained within this email, please contact us using the details below:

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