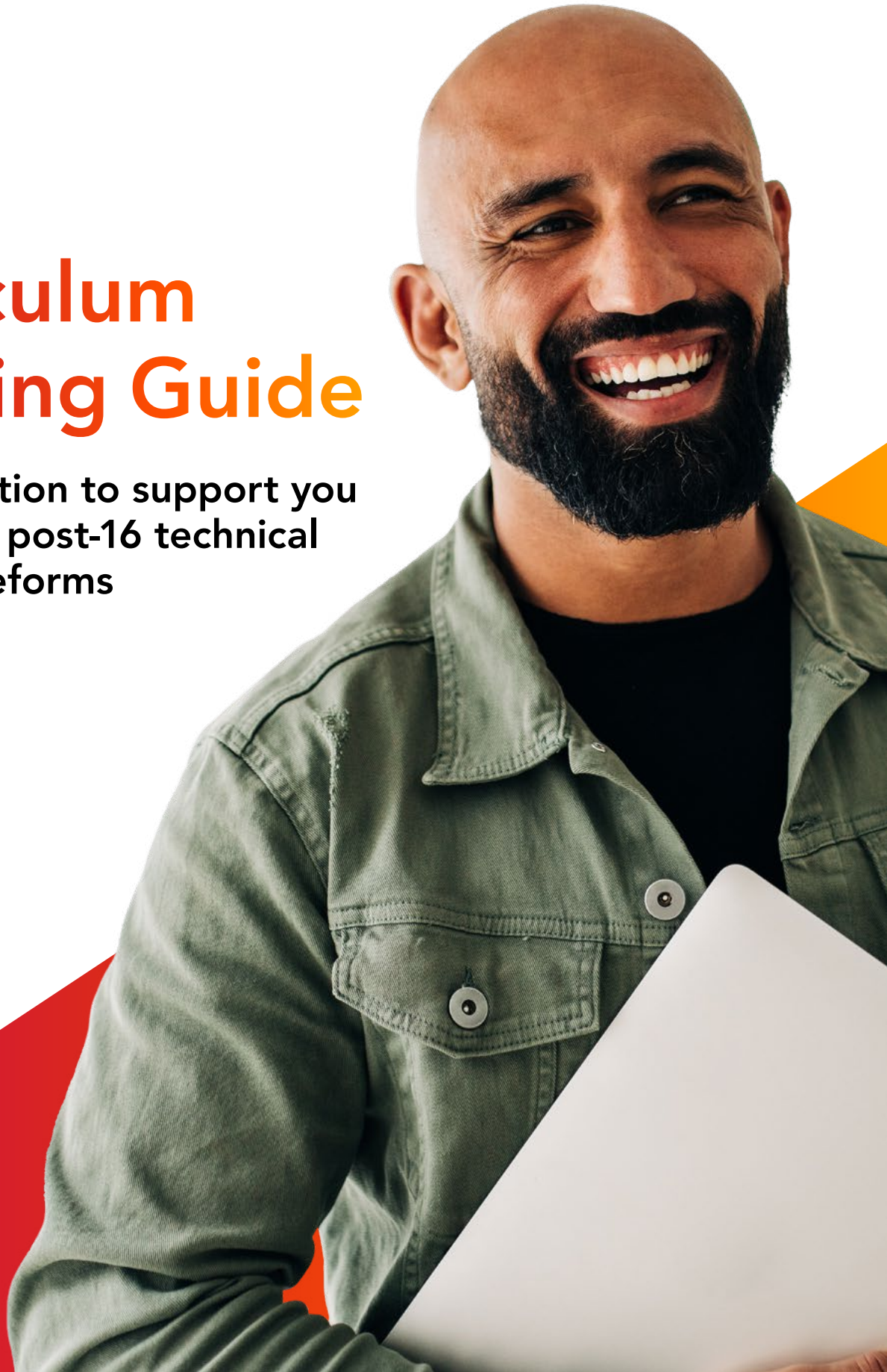


Curriculum Planning Guide

Key information to support you
through the post-16 technical
education reforms

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Introduction

What you need to know about the reforms and how they may affect curriculum planning.

The Department for Education's (DfE) qualification reforms at level 3 and below are wide-ranging and will affect many qualifications across all sectors.

The DfE's changes to qualifications aim to simplify the current system, aligning qualifications more closely to industry needs, and supporting learners to progress onto skilled employment or higher technical study.

Simply put, the reforms involve the introduction of new funded technical qualifications, and the defunding of many existing qualifications.

Apprenticeships will be unaffected by the qualification reforms and continue to be a key route for learners in the post-16 technical education landscape.

We understand that navigating these changes may not always be easy, but we are here to support you. In this guide, we are sharing the information to help you navigate changes brought about by the reforms as you plan your curriculum for 2024 and beyond.

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Mark your calendar with key dates

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Key contacts, online resources, and events

What's available for delivery in 2024

City & Guilds qualifications and programmes available by sector

These overviews of technical qualifications, functional skills qualifications, programmes and courses are intended to support your curriculum planning in England in 2024.

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Care Services



Engineering, Manufacturing and Automotive



Construction, the Built Environment and Building Services Engineering



Health and Science



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Land



Education and Childcare/ Early Years



Functional Skills: English and Maths

These are just some of the sectors we operate in, for our other sectors please refer to the [qualification pages on our website](#).

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Care Services available in 2024

Help your learners to enter and develop in one of the UK's fastest growing industries with our well-established adult, children, young people and families social care programmes including apprenticeships and VRQ qualifications covering levels 2 to 5.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Adult Care Worker ST0005

End-point assessment

- 9040-12 Adult Care Worker

On-programme qualification

- 3095-21 Diploma in Care

Level 3

Standard: Lead Adult Care Worker ST0006

End-point assessment

- 9042-12 Lead Adult Care Worker

On-programme qualification

- 3096-31 Diploma in Adult Care

Level 4

Standard: Lead Practitioner in Adult Care ST0007

End-point assessment

- 9047-12 Lead Practitioner in Adult Care

On-programme qualification

- 4222-34 Diploma in Adult Care

Level 5

Standard: Leader in Adult Care ST0008

End-point assessment

- 9046-12 Leader in Adult Care

On-programme qualification

- 3096-51 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care



VRQs

VRQs are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 3095-21 Diploma in Care
- 3096-02 Adult Social Care Certificate **NEW**
- 4964-02 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Playwork

Level 3

- 3096-31 Diploma in Adult Care
- 4340-31 Diploma for Residential Childcare
- 4340-81 Diploma for Residential Childcare (unit route)
- 4974-30 Award in Transition to Playwork

Level 4

- 4222-34 Diploma in Adult Care

Level 5

- 3096-51 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care
 - 4340-51 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare
 - 4340-91 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (Unit Route)
 - 4964-05 Diploma in Playwork
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Construction, the Built Environment and Building Services Engineering available in 2024

We've been in the trades for generations, and our construction and building services portfolio is unrivalled in its breadth, making our qualifications and apprenticeships the ticket into industry. Explore our EPAs, T Levels, green qualifications, Technicals, VRQs and NVQs from levels 1 to 5.

Construction

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Bricklayer ST0095

End-point assessment

- 9077 Bricklayer

Standard: Carpentry and Joinery ST0264 (*Site Carpenter and Architectural Joiner pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9078 Carpentry and Joinery

Standard: Plasterer ST0096

End-point assessment

- 9086 Plasterer

Standard: Painter and Decorator ST0295

End-point assessment

- 9080 Painter and Decorator

Standard: Property Maintenance Operative ST0171

End-point assessment

- 9673 Property Maintenance Operative

Standard: Groundworker ST0513

End-point assessment

- 9076 Groundworker

Level 3

Standard: Advanced Carpentry and Joinery ST0263 (*Advanced Site Carpenter and Advanced Architectural Joiner pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9079 Craft Carpentry and Joinery



Construction

Apprenticeships (continued)

Standard: Craft Bricklayer ST1334

End-point assessment

- Craft Bricklayer **NEW**

T Levels

T Levels are fully-funded qualifications available to 16–19-year-olds only. Based on the same set of standards as apprenticeships, these two-year programmes earn UCAS points to allow for progression into higher education or into an apprenticeship.

Level 3

8711 Onsite Construction

- 8711-35 Bricklaying
- 8711-36 Carpentry and Joinery
- 8711-37 Painting and Decorating
- 8711-38 Plastering

Green Qualifications

Our green qualifications help equip the workforce with the skills needed in a more sustainable world. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 7618-02 Award in Retrofit
- 7618-12 Certificate in Retrofit
- 7617-02 Award in Sustainability and the Green Environment
- 7617-12 Certificate in Sustainability and the Green Environment

Level 3

- 6371-01 Certificate in Domestic Energy Assessment
- 7618 Retrofit Advisor **NEW**

Level 4

- 7618 Retrofit Assessor **NEW**

Level 5

- 7618 Retrofit Coordinator **NEW**



Construction

Technicals

Technical Qualifications are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 6720-24 Technical Award in Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment
- 7905-20 Technical Certificate in Bricklaying
- 7906-20 Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry
- 7907-20 Technical Certificate in Painting and Decorating
- 7908-20 Technical Certificate in Plastering

VRQs

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Entry 3

- 6219-01 Award in Construction Skills
- 6219-02 Certificate in Construction Skills
- 6219-03 Extended Certificate in Construction Skills

Level 1

- 6072-51 Award in Health & Safety in a Construction Environment
- 6219-04 Award in Construction Skills
- 6219-05 Certificate in Construction Skills
- 6219-06 Extended Certificate in Construction Skills
- 6219-07 Diploma in Construction Skills
- 6219-08 Construction Skills (trade specific pathway)
- 6705-13 Diploma in Bricklaying
- 6706-13 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery
- 6707-13 Diploma in Painting and Decorating
- 6708-13 Diploma in Plastering



Construction

VRQs (continued)

Level 2

- 6705-23 Diploma in Bricklaying
- 6705-50 Extended Diploma in Bricklaying
- 6706-23 Diploma in Site Carpentry
- 6706-26 Diploma in Bench Joinery
- 6706-27 Diploma in Shopfitting Joinery
- 6706-50 Extended Diploma in Site Carpentry
- 6707-22 Certificate in Painting and Decorating**
- 6707-23 Diploma in Painting and Decorating
- 6707-50 Extended Diploma in Painting and Decorating
- 6708-23 Diploma in Plastering
- 6711-23 Diploma in Maintenance Operations
- 6718-02 Diploma in Roof Slating & Tiling

Level 3

- 6705-33 Diploma in Bricklaying***
- 6706-33 Diploma in Site Carpentry*
- 6706-36 Diploma in Bench Joinery***
- 6707-33 Diploma in Painting and Decorating***
- 6708-93 Diploma in Plastering***
- 6715-03 Diploma in Stonemasonry

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 6570-04 Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-41 Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Site Carpentry
- 6572-21 Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) - Painter
- 6572-22 in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) – Industrial Painter
- 6573-22 Diploma in Plastering (Construction) – Solid
- 6573-24 Diploma in Plastering (Construction) – Fibrous

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Construction

NVQs (continued)

Level 3

- 6570-04 Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-41 Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction) - Site Carpentry
- 6572-21 Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) - Painter
- 6572-22 in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) – Industrial Painter
- 6573-22 Diploma in Plastering (Construction) – Solid
- 6573-24 Diploma in Plastering (Construction) – Fibrous

Short Courses

Short courses are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

- Ready for construction

Level 3

- 8626 Leadership and Management Practice for the Construction & the Built Environment

Building Services Engineering

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Building Services Engineering Installer ST0065

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 6288-21 Heating and Ventilating Installer Qualification (Industrial and Commercial)

Level 3

Standard: Building Services Engineering Craftsperson ST0062

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 6288-31 Heating and Ventilating Craftsperson Qualification (Industrial and Commercial)

Standard: Domestic Electrician ST1017

On-programme qualifications

- 5393-03 Electrotechnical in Dwellings

Standard: Installation and Maintenance Electrician ST0152

On-programme qualifications

- 5357-23 Electrotechnical qualification



Building Services Engineering

Apprenticeships (continued)

Standard: Gas Engineering Operative ST0155 (Pathway A aligned to CCN 1, CPA 1, MET 1, CKR 1, LEI 1, LAU 1, CENWAT; Pathway B aligned to CCN 1, CPA 1, MET 1, CKR 1, LEI 1, LAU 1, HTR 1; Pathway C aligned to CCN 1, CPA 1, MET 1, CENWAT, HTR 1; Pathway D aligned to CCN 1, CPA 1, MET 1, CENWAT, Unvented; Pathway E aligned to CCN 1, CPA 1, MET 1, CKR 1, LEI 1, LAU 1, CENWAT, HTR 1)

End-point assessment

- 9074 Gas Engineering Operative

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 9074-03 Diploma in Gas Engineering

Standard: Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician ST0303 (Environmental, Fossil Fuel - Natural Gas, Fossil Fuel - Solid Fuel and Fossil Fuel - Oil pathways)

End-point assessment

- 9189 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician

On-programme qualifications

- 9189-04 Environmental
- 9189-05 Natural Gas
- 9189-06 Solid Fuel
- 9189-07 Oil

Standard: Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heat Pump (RACHP) Engineering Technician ST0322

End-point assessment

- 6090 Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heat Pump (RACHP) Engineering Technician

On-programme qualifications

- 2079-11 Award in F Gas and ODS Regulations: Category I

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 6090-20 Diploma in Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Systems**
- 6090-30 Diploma in Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Systems**



Building Services Engineering

T Levels

T Levels are fully-funded qualifications available to 16–19-year-olds only. Based on the same set of standards as apprenticeships, these two-year programmes earn UCAS points to allow for progression into higher education or into an apprenticeship.

Level 3

8710 Building Services Engineering

- 8710-32 Electrical and Electronic Equipment Engineering
- 8710-33 Electrotechnical Engineering
- 8710-34 Gas Engineering
- 8710-35 Heating Engineering and Ventilation
- 8710-36 Plumbing and Heating Engineering
- 8710-37 Protection Systems Engineering
- 8710-38 Air Conditioning Engineering and Refrigeration Engineering

Green Qualifications

Our green qualifications help equip the workforce with the skills needed in a more sustainable world. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 3

- 2921-31 Award in the Design and Installation of Domestic and Small Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Installations
- 2921-32 Award in the Design and Quality Assurance of Largescale Electric Vehicle Charging Installations
- 2921-33 Award in the Installation and Maintenance of Largescale Electric Vehicle Charging Installations

Technicals

Technical Qualifications are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information. From August 2024 16-19 funding will be withdrawn for level 3 Technicals as they are replaced with T Levels.

Level 2

- 8202-20 Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation
- 8202-25 Technical Certificate in Plumbing

Level 3

- 8202-30 Advanced Technical Diploma in Electrical Installation (450)*
- 8202-35 Advanced Technical Diploma in Plumbing (450)*



Building Services Engineering

VRQs

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Level 1

- 7202-01 Plumbing and Electrical Installation

Level 2

- 2365-02 Diploma in Electrical Installations (Buildings and Structures)

Level 3

- 2365-03 Diploma in Electrical Installations (Buildings and Structures)*
- 6035-03 Diploma in Plumbing Studies*

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 6189-11 Diploma in Plumbing and Heating

Level 3

- 2357-13 Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment (Buildings, Structures and the Environment)*
- 2357-23 Diploma in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Maintenance)*
- 2346-03 Electrotechnical Experienced Worker Qualification (Installation)*
- 6189-31 Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating*
- 6189-33 Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating (Gas Fired Water and Central Heating Appliances) (EUSGU0022)*

Short Courses

Short courses are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 2392-10 Certificate in Fundamental Inspection, Testing and Initial Verification
- 2079-13 Award in F GAS and ODS Regulations: Category III - recovery of refrigerant
- 2079-14 Award in F Gas Regulations: Category IV
- 2392-10 Certificate in Fundamental Inspection, Testing and Initial Verification

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Building Services Engineering

Short Courses (continued)

Level 3

- 2377-77 Award in the In-Service Inspection and Testing of Electrical Equipment
- 2382-22 Award in the Requirements for Electrical Installations BS 7671:2018
- 2391-50 Award in Initial Verification of Electrical Installations
- 2391-51 Award in Periodic Inspection and Testing of Electrical Installations
- 2391-52 Award in Initial and Periodic Inspection and Testing of Electrical Installations
- 3345-20 Award in Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations and Water Byelaws in the UK**

Level 4

- 2396-01 Award in the Design and Verification of Electrical Installations
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Digital available in 2024

Apprenticeships are one of the best ways to build a career in the digital sector. We deliver EPA for level 3 and 4 standards that create opportunities in software development, networks and communications, cybersecurity, data analysis, IT support and digital marketing. We also deliver VRQs.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 3

Standard: Data Technician ST0795

End-point assessment

- 9665 Data Technician

Standard: Digital Marketer ST0122

End-point assessment

- 9648 Digital Marketer

On-programme qualifications

- 9628-11 Award in the Principles of Coding
- 9628-12 Certificate in the Principles of Online and Offline Marketing
- 9628-13 Certificate in Digital Marketing Business Principles

Standard: Multi-channel Marketer ST1031 (*Revised standard*)

End-point assessment

- 9610 Multi-channel Marketer **NEW**

Standard: Digital Support Technician ST0120 (*Digital Applications Technician and Digital Service Technician pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9703 Digital Support Technician

Standard: Information Communication Technician ST0973 (*Support Technician, Network Technician and Digital Communications Technician pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9602 Information Communication Technician

Level 4

Standard: Cyber Security Technologist ST1021 (*Cyber Security Engineer, Cyber Risk Analyst, Cyber Defender and Responder pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9661 Cyber Security Technologist

Standard: Data Analyst ST0118

End-point assessment

- 9770 Data Analyst



Apprenticeships (continued)

Standard: Network Engineer ST0127

End-point assessment

- 9601 Network Engineer

Standard: Software Developer ST0116

End-point assessment

- 9600 Software Developer

VRQs

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Entry Level 3

- 4249-01 Start IT for IT Users

Level 1

- 7276-11 Award in IT Systems Support - PC Maintenance
- 7574-01 ITQ for IT Users**

Level 2

- 3668-02 Award in Communications Cabling
- 4520-02 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence
- 7540-12 ICT Systems and Principles
- 7574-02 ITQ for IT Users

Level 3

- 3668-03 Certificate in Communications Cabling
- 4520-03 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence*
- 7540-13 ICT Systems and Principles*
- 7574-03 ITQ for IT Users*
- 9628-06 Certificate in Networking and Architecture***
- 9628-07 Award in Mobile and Operating Systems**
- 9628-08 Award in Cloud Services**
- 9628-09 Award in Coding and Logic**
- 9628-10 Award in Business Processes**
- 9628-11 Award in the Principles of Coding**
- 9628-12 Certificate in the Principles of Online and Offline Marketing
- 9628-13 Certificate in Digital Marketing Business Principles**

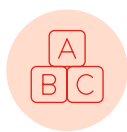
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**VRQs (continued)****Level 4**

- 3660-01 Certificate in Cyber Security Introduction
 - 3660-02 Certificate in Network and Digital Communications Theory
 - 3660-03 Award in Security Case Development and Design Good Practice
 - 3660-04 Award Security Technology Building Blocks
 - 3660-05 Certificate Employment of Cryptography
 - 3660-06 Award in Risk Assessment in Cyber Security
 - 3660-07 Certificate in Governance, Law, Regulation and Standards in Cyber Security
 - 7630-04 Diploma for ICT Professionals - Systems and Principles**
 - 9628-01 Diploma in Software Development Methodologies**
 - 9628-02 Diploma in Software Language**
 - 9628-03 Diploma in Network Principles**
 - 9628-04 Diploma in Network Systems and Architecture**
 - 9628-05 Diploma in Network Security**
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Education and Childcare / Early Years available in 2024

Develop the next generation of early years experts, educators and trainers with our suite of apprenticeship programmes, NVQs and VRQs covering levels 1 to 5. We work closely with industry experts and regulators including the Department for Education.

Early Years

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Early Years Practitioner ST0888

End-point assessment

- 9061-12 Early Years Practitioner

On-programme qualifications

- 4228-02 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

Level 3

Standard: Early Years Educator ST0135

End-point assessment

- 9062-12 Early Years Educator

On-programme qualifications

- 3605-03 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

VRQs

VRQs are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 1890-02 Award in Introduction to Safeguarding Young People from Harm, Abuse and Exploitation

Level 3

- 4974-30 Award in Transition to Playwork



Early Years

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

- 4237-01 Award in Caring for Children
- 4237-02 Certificate in Caring for Children
- 4237-03 Diploma in Caring for Children

Level 2

- 4227-01 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce

Level 3

- 4227-04 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce: Social Care Pathway

Education

VRQs

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Level 2

- 5329-20 Award in Support Work in Schools
- 5329-21 Certificate in Support Work in Schools
- 6259-02 Learning Support Practitioners***
- 7300-01 Introduction to Trainer Skills

Level 3

- 5329-31 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools ***
- 5329-33 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools*
- 6259-04 Certificate for Learning Support Practitioners
- 6317-30 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment
- 6317-31 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment
- 6317-32 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement
- 6317-33 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
- 6502-31 Award in Education and Training
- 6502-32 Award in Education and Training (with Learning & Development)

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Education

VRQs (continued)

Level 4

- 6317-40 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- 6317-41 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- 6317-42 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- 6502-41 Certificate in Education and Training
- 6502-42 Certificate in Education and Training (with Learning & Development)

Level 5

- 6504-51 Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills)

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 3

- 3569-03 Advice and Guidance

Level 4

- 3569-04 Advice and Guidance
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Engineering, Manufacturing and Automotive available in 2024

From fabrication and welding to electric and hybrid vehicle maintenance, explore our industry-recognised programmes and qualifications designed to support a diverse range of career choices, including our exclusive sector T Levels, level 2 and 3 apprenticeships and short courses.

Engineering and Manufacturing

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Engineering Operative ST0537

End-point assessment

- 9325 Engineering Operative

On-programme qualifications

- 4505-12 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Skills)
- 4510-11 Certificate in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)
- 4510-12 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)

Standard: Lean Manufacturing Operative ST0420

End-point assessment

- 9315 Lean Manufacturing Operative

On-programme qualifications

- 4500-12 Diploma in Manufacturing (Knowledge and Skills)

Level 3

Standard: Engineering Fitter ST0432

End-point assessment

- 9335 Engineering Fitter

On-programme qualifications

- 4515-03 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- 4515-04 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)



Engineering and Manufacturing

Apprenticeships (continued)

Standard: Machining Technician ST1305

End-point assessment

- 9273 Machining Technician **NEW**

On-programme qualifications

- 1273-03 Diploma in Machining **NEW**

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 1271-02 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Foundation Competency)
- 1272-02 Diploma in Machining (Foundation Knowledge)

Standard: Metal Fabricator ST0607

End-point assessment

- 9345 Metal Fabricator

On-programme qualifications

- 4515-03 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- 4515-04 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)

Standard: Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician ST0154 (*Electrical, Mechanical, Control & Instrumentation and Electromechanical Technician pathways*)

End-point assessment

- 9320 Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 7682 NVQ Performing Engineering Operations
- 2850-33 Diploma in Engineering – Maintenance, Installation and Commissioning
- 4515-03 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- 4515-04 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)



Engineering and Manufacturing

Apprenticeships (continued)

Standard: Engineering Technician ST0457 (*Aerospace Manufacturing Fitter, Aerospace Manufacturing Electrical/Mechanical and Systems Fitter, Aircraft Fitter/Technician (Fixed & Rotary Wing), Airworthiness, Planning, Quality and Safety Technician, Maritime Electrical/Mechanical Fitter, Maritime Fabricator, Maritime Pipeworker, Survival Equipment Fitter pathways*)

On-programme qualifications (pathway dependent)

- 4515-03 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- 4515-04 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- 4605-02 Diploma in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering (Foundation Competence)**
- 4608-30 Diploma in Aviation Maintenance (Development Competence)**
- 4608-50 Diploma in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering (Military Foundation Competence)
- 4608-60 Diploma in Aviation Maintenance (Development Competence) – Military
- 4705-02 Diploma in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering (Foundation Knowledge)**
- 4708-30 Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance (Military)
- 2675-01 Certificate in Aircraft Maintenance
- 2675-02 Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance
- 2675-03 Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance
- 2675-04 Diploma in On-Aircraft Maintenance Category A**
- 2675-05 Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance (Civil Aircraft Mechanical)
- 2675-23 Diploma in Aircraft Engineering**
- 4615-02 Diploma in Maritime Defence (Foundation Competence)**
- 4615-03 Diploma in Maritime Defence (Development Competence)
- 4715-02 Diploma in Maritime Defence (Foundation Knowledge)**
- 4715-03 Diploma in Maritime Defence (Development Knowledge)

T Levels

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Engineering and Manufacturing

Level 3

8712 Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

- 8730 Engineering and Manufacturing Core
- 8712–31 Mechanical
- 8712–32 Mechatronics
- 8712–33 Electrical & Electronics
- 8712–34 Control & Instrumentation
- 8712–35 Light & Electric Vehicle

8713 Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control

- 8730 Engineering and Manufacturing Core
- 8713–31 Fitting and Assembly Technologies
- 8713–32 Machining and Toolmaking Technologies
- 8713–33 Composites Manufacturing Technologies
- 8713–34 Fabrication and Welding Technologies

8714 Design and Development for Engineering

- 8730 Engineering and Manufacturing Core
- 8714–31 Mechanical Engineering
- 8714–32 Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- 8714–33 Control & Instrumentation Engineering
- 8714–34 Structural Engineering

Technicals

Technical Qualifications are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 1145-21 Certificate in Engineering

Level 3

- 1145-30 Advanced Technical Certificate in Engineering
- 1145-32 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Engineering

VRQs

VRQs are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.



Engineering and Manufacturing

Level 1

- 2850-10 Certificate in Engineering

Level 2

- 2850-20 Certificate in Engineering - Manufacturing Technology**
- 2850-21 Certificate in Engineering - Maintenance Technology
- 2850-22 Certificate in Engineering - Fabrication and Welding Technology**
- 2850-23 Certificate in Engineering - Electrical & Electronics Technology**
- 2850-24 Diploma in Engineering - Manufacturing Technology
- 2850-25 Diploma in Engineering - Maintenance Technology
- 2850-26 Diploma in Engineering - Fabrication and Welding Technology
- 2850-27 Diploma in Engineering - Electrical & Electronics Technology

Level 3

- 2850-30 Diploma in Engineering - Welding
- 2850-31 Diploma in Engineering - Fabrication
- 2850-32 Diploma in Engineering - Fabrication and Welding
- 2850-33 Diploma in Engineering - Maintenance, Installation and Commissioning
- 2850-34 Diploma in Engineering - Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering
- 2850-35 Diploma in Engineering - Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- 2850-36 Diploma in Engineering - Shipbuilding

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

- 7682-10 NVQ Certificate in Performing Engineering Operations**
- 7585-01 NVQ Diploma in Performing Manufacturing Operations**

Level 2

- 7682-20 NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations
- 7585-02 NVQ Diploma in Performing Manufacturing Operations

Short Courses

Short courses are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

** Final learner registration is currently 31 August 2024, this is likely to be extended.



Engineering and Manufacturing

- 3268-10 Award In Introductory Welding Skills - Manual Metal Arc (MMA) Welding**
- 3268-11 Award In Introductory Welding Skills - Oxy Acetylene Welding**
- 3268-12 Award In Introductory Welding Skills - Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) Welding**
- 3268-13 Award In Introductory Welding Skills - Metal Inert Gas (MIG) Welding
- 3268-17 Certificate in Introductory Welding Skills**
- 3268-18 Certificate in Introductory Welding, Fabrication and Cutting Skills**
- 7689-01 Award in Parametric Modelling**

Level 2

- 3268-02 Award in Welding Skills
- 3268-20 Certificate in Welding Skills**
- 7689-02 Award in Parametric Modelling
- 7689-04 Award in 2D Computer Aided Design**

Level 3

- 7689-05 Award in 2D Computer Aided Design
- 7689-08 Certificate in Computer Aided Design
- 3268-03 Award in Advanced Welding Skills**



Automotive and Transport

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Autocare Technician ST0499

End-point assessment

- 9304 Autocare Technician

Standard: Rail Engineering Operative (Track) ST0317

End-point assessment

- 9303 Rail Engineering Operative Technician

On-programme qualifications

- 6499-02 Diploma in Rail Engineering Operative Competence (Track)
- 6497-02 Rail Engineering Operative (Knowledge)

Level 3

Standard: Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician ST0068

End-point assessment

- 9302 Service and Maintenance Technician – Heavy Vehicle

Standard: Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician - Light Vehicle ST0033

End-point assessment

- 9301 Service and Maintenance Technician – Light Vehicle

On-programme qualifications

- 7543-01 Basic Mobile Air Conditioning

Standard: Vehicle Damage Paint Technician ST0448

End-point assessment

- 9321 Vehicle Damage Paint Technician

Standard: Vehicle Damage Panel Technician ST0403

End-point assessment

- 9322 Vehicle Damage Panel Technician

Standard: Vehicle Damage Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) Technician ST0405

End-point assessment

- 9323 Vehicle Damage Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) Technician



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T Levels

T Levels are fully-funded qualifications available to 16–19-year-olds only. Based on the same set of standards as apprenticeships, these two-year programmes earn UCAS points to allow for progression into higher education or into an apprenticeship.

Level 3

8712 Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

- 8730 Engineering and Manufacturing Core
- 8712–35 Light & Electric Vehicles

VRQs

VRQs are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Entry Level 3

- 3902-01 Introduction to Vehicle Systems Maintenance**

Level 1

- 3902-11 3902-01 Introduction to Vehicle Systems Maintenance**
- 3902-18 Award in Cycle Mechanics**
- 7290-10 Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance
- 7290-11 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2

- 2473-02 Diploma in Boatbuilding (Foundation) Pass
- 2473-12 Diploma in Marine Engineering (Foundation) - Pass
- 2473-22 Diploma in Marine Electrical Engineering (Foundation)
- 3902-28 Certificate in Cycle Mechanics**
- 4290-52 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles
- 7290-12 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles
- 7290-17 Certificate in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principle
- 7597-01 Certificate in Rail Engineering (Underpinning Knowledge)

Level 3

- 2473-03 Diploma in Boatbuilding (Advanced) – Pass
- 2473-13 Diploma in Marine Engineering (Advanced)
- 2473-22 Diploma in Marine Electrical Engineering (Advanced)
- 7290-13 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles

** Final learner registration is currently 31 August 2024, this is likely to be extended.



Automotive and Transport

NVQs

NVQs are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 7597-52 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Track Maintenance

Short Courses

Short courses are available to learners of all ages. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

- 7290-01 Award in Introduction to Electric and Hybrid Vehicle High Energy Systems

Level 2

- 7290-02 Award in Safe Maintenance of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles
- 7290-72 Award in Hazard Management of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

Level 3

- 7290-03 Award in Component Removal and Replacement in Electric and Hybrid Vehicles
- 7290-53 Award in Knowledge of Hydrogen Fuel Electric Vehicles and Components
- 7290-83 Award in Diagnosis, Repair and Recalibration of Advanced Driver Assist Systems

Level 4

- 7290-04 Award in Diagnosis and Rectification of Faults in Electric and Hybrid Vehicles
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Health and Science available in 2024

Equip your learners with the skills to start careers through our apprenticeships and VRQ qualifications in healthcare and dental nursing. As a leading provider of dental nursing programmes, approved by the General Dental Council, together we can set your students on the path to success.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available for learners over 16 with no upper age limit. They are funded by the government or via an employer levy, which can be used to pay for training and assessment costs.

Level 2

Standard: Healthcare Support Worker ST0216

On-programme qualifications (non-mandatory)

- 3095-21 Diploma in Care***

Level 3

Standard: Dental Nurse Integrated ST0113

Integrated qualification (this includes on-programme and end-point-assessment)

- 4238-22 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing

Standard: Senior Healthcare Support Worker ST0217

On-programme qualifications

- 4346-31 Diploma in Healthcare Support

VRQs

VRQs are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information. From August 2024 16-19 funding will be withdrawn for level 3 VRQs as they are replaced with T Levels.

Level 3

- 4238-03 Diploma in Dental Nursing*
- 4238-22 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing
- 4346-31 Diploma in Healthcare Support*

Level 5

- 3576-05 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare**

*16-19 funding is no longer available in England.

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Land available in 2024

There are a number of vocational pathways to enter and develop in the land sector. We deliver work-based courses, T Levels, QCF Qualifications, Technicals, Certificates of Competence and more in areas including land management, agriculture, animal care and environmental conservation.

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T Levels

T Levels are fully-funded qualifications available to 16–19-year-olds only. Based on the same set of standards as apprenticeships, these two-year programmes earn UCAS points to allow for progression into higher education or into an apprenticeship.

Level 3

8717 Agriculture, Land Management and Production

- 8717-40 Crop Production
- 8717-41 Floristry
- 8717-42 Land-Based Engineering
- 8717-43 Livestock Production
- 8717-44 Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping
- 8717-45 Trees and Woodland Management and Maintenance (Arboriculture)
- 8717-46 Trees and Woodland Management and Maintenance (Forestry)

8717 Animal Care and Management

- 8717-47 Animal Management and Behaviour
- 8717-48 Animal Management and Science

Technicals

Technical Qualifications are currently fully funded for 16–19-year-old learners. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners. Please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

- 0361-12 Award in Land-based Studies
- 0361-13 Certificate in Land-based Studies
- 0361-14 Diploma in Land-based Studies



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Technicals (continued)

Level 2

- 0170-24 Technical Award in Land Based Studies
- 0171-20 Technical Certificate in Agriculture
- 0171-28 Technical Certificate in Land-Based Engineering
- 0172-21 Technical Certificate in Animal Care
- 0172-26 Technical Certificate in Equine Care
- 0173-20 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife
- 0174-20 Technical Certificate in Horticulture
- 0174-21 Technical Certificate in Forestry & Arboriculture
- 0175-20 Technical Certificate in Floristry
- 7863-02 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants

Level 3

- 0171-31 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540)
- 0171-33 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (1080)
- 0171-38 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land-Based Engineering
- 0172-30 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management
- 0172-31 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)
- 0172-32 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)
- 0172-33 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)
- 0172-35 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management
- 0172-36 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)
- 0172-37 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)
- 0172-38 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)
- 0173-35 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (540)
- 0173-37 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (1080)
- 0174-36 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture
- 0174-37 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture
- 0174-38 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (1080)
- 0175-30 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry (540)
- 7863-03 Diploma in Dog Grooming



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QCF Qualifications

Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) recognises qualifications and units by awarding credits. It gives the learners the ability to get qualifications at their own pace. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 0073-02 Agriculture
- 0074-02 Animal Care
- 0075-02 Land-based Technology
- 0076-02 Countryside & Environment
- 0077-02 Forestry and Arboriculture
- 0078-02 Horticulture
- 0079-02 Horse Care
- 0351-02 Floristry

Level 3

- 0073-03 Agriculture
- 0074-03 Animal Management
- 0075-03 Land-based Technology
- 0076-03 Countryside Management
- 0077-03 Forestry and Arboriculture
- 0078-03 Horticulture
- 0079-03 Horse Management
- 0351-03 Floristry

Work-based Courses

Work-based courses are fully funded for 16-19 year olds. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners, please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 1

- 0067-11 Work-based Animal Care**
- 0072-11 Work-based Land-based Operations**



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Work-based Courses (continued)

Level 2

- 0059-21 Diploma in Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Agriculture)
- 0059-22 Diploma in Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Arboriculture/Forestry)
- 0059-23 Diploma in Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Ground Care)
- 0059-24 Diploma in Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Fixed Plant and Storage)
- 0059-25 Diploma in Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Construction Plant Maintenance)
- 0065-71 Award in Work-based Horticulture
- 0065-72 Certificate in Work-based Horticulture
- 0065-73 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture
- 0066-73 - Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Agriculture
- 0067-21 Work-based Animal Care (Animal Care and Welfare)
- 0067-22 Work-based Animal Care (Zoo/Wildlife Establishments)
- 0067-23 Work-based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)
- 0067-24 Work-based Animal Care (Pet Care and Retail)
- 0067-25 Work-based Animal Care (Animal Training)
- 0067-26 Work-based Animal Care (Service Dog Handling)
- 0068-21 Diploma in Work-based Floristry
- 0069-21 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Upland/Grouse)
- 0069-22 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Lowland)
- 0069-23 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Deer)
- 0069-24 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Game Rearing)
- 0070-25 Business for the Environment and Land-based Sector
- 0070-27 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Environmental Conservation)
- 0070-28 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Access and Recreation)
- 0070-29 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Rivers, Coasts and Waterways)
- 0071-21 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care (Horse Care)
- 0071-22 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care (Horse Care and Riding)
- 0071-23 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care (Breeding)



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Work-based Courses (continued)

Level 3

- 0059-31 Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Agriculture)
- 0059-32 Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Arboriculture/Forestry)
- 0059-33 Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Ground Care)
- 0059-34 Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Fixed Plant and Storage)
- 0059-35 Work-based Land-based Engineering Operations (Construction Plant Maintenance)
- 0065-34 Work-based Horticulture (Sports Turf - Greenkeeper)
- 0065-83 Work-based Horticulture
- 0067-31 Work-based Animal Care (Animal Care and Welfare)
- 0067-32 Work-based Animal Care (Zoos/Wildlife Establishments)
- 0067-33 Work-based Animal Care (Dog Grooming)
- 0067-34 Work-based Animal Care (Pet Care and Retail)
- 0067-35 Work-based Animal Care (Animal Welfare Enforcement)
- 0067-36 Work-based Animal Care (Animal Training)
- 0067-37 Work-based Animal Care (Dog/Animal Wardens)
- 0067-38 Work-based Animal Care (Animals in Education and Entertainment)
- 0068-31 Work-based Floristry
- 0069-31 Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Game Keeping)
- 0069-32 Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Deer)
- 0069-33 Work-based Game and Wildlife Management (Game Rearing)
- 0070-31 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Environmental Conservation)
- 0070-32 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Access and Recreation)
- 0070-33 Work-based Environmental Conservation (Flood Risk Management)
- 0070-35 Business Management for the Environment and Land-based Sector
- 0071-31 Work-based Horse Care and Management (Horse Care and Management)
- 0071-32 Work-based Horse Care and Management (Horse Care and Riding)
- 0071-33 Work-based Horse Care and Management (Breeding)
- 0071-34 Work-based Horse Care and Management (Coaching)

Heritage Qualifications

Heritage qualifications are fully funded for 16-19 year olds. There may also be funding streams available for adult learners, please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 0084-21 Diploma in Saddlery
- 0101-02 Saddle, Harness and Bridle Making
- 8485-02 Certificate in Forgework**

** Final learner registration is currently 31 August 2024, this is likely to be extended.



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Heritage Qualifications (continued)

Level 3

- 0084-31 Diploma in Saddlery
- 0101-03 Diploma in Saddle, Harness and Bridle Making

Certificate of Technical Competence

Certificates of Technical Competence are available for learners 16+. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

Level 2

- 0146-20 Certificate of Technical Competence in Pet Sitting
- 0146-21 Certificate of Technical Competence in Dog Walking**
- 0146-22 Certificate of Technical Competence in Animal Health, Husbandry and Handling**

Level 3

- 0146-30 Certificate of Technical Competence in Animal Nutrition

Certificates of Competence (NPTC)

Certificates of Competence (NPTC) are available for learners 16+. Funding rules will vary - please check the government website for up to date information.

- Chainsaw and Related Operations
- Customer Awards
- Forestry and Arboriculture Level 2 (0020)
- Health and Safety
- Livestock
- Machinery Land based
- Pesticides & Pest Control
- Plant Machinery
- Thorough Examination of Arboricultural Equipment
- Utility Arboriculture



Functional Skills: English and maths

Our comprehensive English and maths provision supports learners through their learning and work journey.

Progression	16-18	19+	Traineeships	Apprenticeships	Professions - CPD
Entry Level 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Skills (4748) English & Maths Skills (3847) Principles of Maths & English (3844) ESOL Skills for Life (4692) 				
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Skills (4748) English & Maths Skills (3847) Principles of Maths & English (3844) ESOL Skills for Life (4692) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Skills (4748) English & Maths Skills (3847)* Principles of Maths & English (3844)* 	
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Skills (4748) English & Maths Skills (3847) Principles of Maths & English (3844) ESOL Skills for Life (4692) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Skills (4748) English & Maths Skills (3847)* Principles of Maths & English (3844)* 	
Level 3					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English for Literacy and Mathematics for Numeracy Teaching (6255)
Level 4					
Level 5					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Diplomas: Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL and Literacy ESOL (6503)

* English & Maths Skills (3847) and Principles of Maths & English (3844) may potentially be used within apprenticeship programmes to support progression towards Functional Skills.

Important updates to qualifications and funding in 2024

Funding to be withdrawn for level 3 qualifications that overlap with T Levels

From August 2024

In 2020, T Levels became the first new qualifications to start being rolled out for 16–19-year-olds as part of the reforms.

From August 2024, level 3 technical qualifications that overlap with T Levels in the sectors listed below will have 16-19 funding withdrawn for new registrations:

- Construction and Building Services Engineering
- Health and Science
- Digital
- Education and Childcare/Early Years

[View the list of qualifications](#)

Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care T Level

New Animal Care and Management pathway available for delivery – from September 2024

The second pathway in our Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care T Level allows learners to choose between Animal Management and Animal Science. Both will provide broad knowledge and understanding of the animal sector, whilst also developing the core skills needed when working within the industry.

[Find out more](#)





A look ahead at 2025

City & Guilds reformed qualifications available for first teaching in 2025

The introduction of reformed qualifications will be phased across four cycles for first teaching from 2025 onwards. Each will include different levels and sectors.

Cycle 1 qualifications will be funded and available for first teaching from September 2025. This includes level 2 and 3 qualifications in the following sectors:

- Construction, the Built Environment and Building Services Engineering
- Engineering, Manufacturing and Automotive
- Digital (level 3 only)
- Health and Science
- Education and Childcare/Early Years

To help you plan in advance, the list below includes all of City & Guilds cycle 1 level 3 reformed qualifications.

Level 3

These qualifications have been approved by IfATE and will be fully funded in England for adults (19+) from September 2025.

- [Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Plumbing \(Diploma\)](#)
- [Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical Installations \(Diploma\)](#)
- [Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Dental Nursing \(Diploma\)](#)
- [Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Teaching Assistants \(Certificate\)](#)



When will there be more information available about these qualifications?

We will be sharing more information and specifications for these qualifications on our [qualification webpages](#) for level 3 in May 2024 and for level 2 in July 2024 pending approval of the qualifications by IfATE.



[Download our sector overview documents](#) to see how these new qualifications will fit into our overall sector provision in 2025 and beyond.

Important updates to qualifications and funding in 2025

New funded level 2 and 3 technical qualification categories to be introduced

From September 2025

In line with the reforms, we're working to develop a number of new technical qualifications that will be introduced for 16-19 and adult learners starting from September 2025.

From August 2025, existing level 2 and 3 qualifications that do not meet the new funding approval criteria, as set out by the Department for Education, will be defunded.

[Find out more](#)

Funding to be withdrawn for level 3 qualifications that overlap with T Levels

From August 2025

Level 3 qualifications in the sectors listed below that overlap with T Levels will have 16-19 funding withdrawn from 1 August 2025 for new registrations:

- Engineering, manufacturing and automotive
- Business and administration
- Legal, finance and accounting
- Agriculture, environmental and animal care

[View the list of qualifications](#)





Responding to your Local Skills Improvement Plan

Planning for skills needs in your local area

What are Local Skills Improvement Plans?

Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) were initiated in 2022 by the Department of Education as part of the Skills for Jobs White Paper legislation. The plans have been researched and developed across England by employer representative bodies (ERBs), such as Chambers of Commerce, in partnership with local training providers and employers.

The plans reviewed local skills needs and training provisions and identified current and future skills shortages. City & Guilds have reviewed all 38 local plans and identified common themes to support curriculum planning. Common needs and themes identified:

- Green Skills
- Employability Skills
- Engineering
- Digital
- Tailored Learning

Accountability Agreements form part of the wider set of reforms set out in the Skills for Jobs White Paper requiring providers to adjust their curriculum to reflect local skills needs identified in LSIPs.

The aim is to transform the skills system so it better supports young people and adults to develop the skills they need for a successful career and ensure England has the skills needed for the future.

What LSIPs mean for curriculum planning

As part of the Education Inspection Framework (EIF), Ofsted inspectors take account of a training provider's curriculum offer and how it supports local skills needs when assessing the appropriateness of provision. Review City & Guilds Adult Skills Delivery Guides to support your curriculum planning and respond to your LSIP.

[Find out more](#)



More to support you with LSIPs

Tailored Learning

3% of adult skills funding allocations can be used for non-qualification funding for 'innovative' provision. This newly-termed Tailored Learning could help you respond to another LSIP theme where employers have said they are looking for non-qualification short courses as a solution to upskill and re-skill their professional workforce. They are looking for courses that can be jointly developed, co-designed and delivered drawing on the shared expertise of skills experts and sector experts.

Talk to us about our recognition services that we provide for non-qualification tailored learning and short courses.

[Find out more](#)

LSIP Deep-Dive Dashboard Session

City & Guilds have developed a dashboard which pulls together local skills needs, job vacancies, employment data and presents that alongside your LSIP, and available provision. You can request a deep-dive dashboard session to help support you with your planning.

[Find out more](#)

Timeline: Important dates for your diary

Get ready for 2024 and 2025 with key dates to support your curriculum planning

Use this timeline for an overview of upcoming important dates related to qualification funding changes and updates about reformed qualifications.

2024

May 2024



DfE draft funding catalogue published

View the draft list of qualifications approved for funding. Visit the [DfE website](#) for more information.

July 2024



Qualification webpages live for reformed level 2 and 3 qualifications (first teaching in 2025)

Check the City & Guilds website for more information, including qualification specifications and sample assessment materials.



DfE final funding catalogue published

View the final list of qualifications approved for funding. Visit the DfE website for more information.

August 2024



Funding withdrawal for level 3 qualifications that overlap with T Levels begins

Level 3 qualifications listed in the sectors listed below that overlap with T Levels will have 16-19 funding withdrawn for new registrations from 1 August 2024:

- Construction
- Building Services Engineering
- Health and Science
- Digital
- Education and Childcare/Early Years

September 2025



First teaching dates for reformed level 2 and level 3 qualifications in:

- Construction, the Built Environment and Building Services Engineering
- Engineering, Manufacturing and Automotive
- Digital
- Health and Science
- Education and Childcare/Early Years

2025

August 2025



Funding withdrawal for level 3 qualifications that overlap with T Levels continues

Level 3 qualifications in the sectors listed below that overlap with T Levels will have 16-19 funding withdrawn from 1 August 2025 for new registrations:

- Engineering, manufacturing and automotive
- Business and administration
- Legal
- Finance and accounting
- Agriculture, environmental and animal care



Funding withdrawal for level 2 and 3 qualifications that don't meet IfATE's new requirements

- Construction, the Built Environment and Building Services Engineering
- Engineering, Manufacturing and Automotive
- Digital (level 3 only)
- Health and Science
- Education and Childcare/Early Years

Curriculum planning toolkit

Quick links to online resources, funding information and expert-led events

At City & Guilds we're here to support you every step of the way. The following list of online resources, contacts, and events contains information to keep you informed and up-to-date, while helping you plan ahead for success as the reforms continue to unfold.

City & Guilds reforms and funding information



Qualification Reforms Hub

Stay informed with updated guidance, timelines, upcoming support events, FAQs and news around City & Guilds qualifications.

[Find out more](#)



Funding for City & Guilds qualifications in England

Learn about funding options available for City & Guilds qualifications and apprenticeships in our funding directory.

[Find out more](#)



Adult skills delivery plans

Access industry-specific example delivery plans for your adult learners linked to the requirements of various funding initiatives.

[Find out more](#)



City & Guilds webinars and events



On-demand reforms support webinars

Our industry and funding experts have led and continue to plan a number of special webinars aimed at senior leaders, curriculum managers and tutors covering important information related to the reforms and what it means for the future landscape. Some of the topics covered so far include:

- Introduction to the level 3 and below reforms

- Curriculum planning advice
- Funding and policy changes
- Updates to qualifications portfolios by sector

These are all available on-demand via our website and YouTube channel.

[Explore our on-demand webinars](#)

Key City & Guilds contacts



Business development managers

Reach out for support with your delivery from our local advisors.

[Contact us](#)



Technical advisors

Reach out for technical support from our sector and education specialists.

[Contact us](#)

Government Resources



Find a learning aim (gov.uk)

See the latest information on available qualifications, standards, apprenticeships, T Levels and units.

[Find out more](#)



Department for Education funding overview

View the Department for Education's full list of funding approval information for qualifications in England.

[Find out more](#)



Qualifications that overlap with T Levels

View the lists of qualifications that will have 16 to 19 funding withdrawn for new starts due to overlap with T Levels:

[From August 2024 \(wave 1 & 2\)](#)

[From August 2025 \(wave 3\)](#)


[From August 2025 \(wave 4 provisional list\)](#)



Guide to the post-16 qualification landscape (Department for Education)

A high-level overview of level 3 and below reformed qualifications for 2025 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

A man with glasses and a woman with curly hair are smiling and looking at a tablet together. The man is wearing a green shirt and the woman is wearing a grey blazer over a striped shirt. They are in a bright, modern office setting.

"City & Guilds keep us very well updated with their webinars, technical experts, always somebody on the end of the phone... If we have a question, we can always get an answer."

Steve Piff, Truro & Penwith College

About City & Guilds

City & Guilds is the global skills partner, empowering people, organisations and economies to develop the skills they need for growth. With almost 150 years of trusted expertise, we support people into work, help them develop on the job and move into the next job.

We work with Governments, employers, training providers, colleges and industry stakeholders to design and deliver high-quality training, qualifications, assessments and credentials that lead to meaningful career progression. We understand the life changing link between skills development, social mobility and success. Our solutions span critical sectors including construction, engineering, transport, energy and electrical, serving over 1 million learners annually.

Through our comprehensive portfolio of brands and trusted global network, we set industry-wide standards for technical, behavioural and commercial skills to improve performance and productivity. We believe you can achieve your potential - and we're here to help make it happen.

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