

## Wave 2 Construction and BSE update

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Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to the new term and to the latest edition of our quarterly e-bulletin.

As you know 2020 was an extremely busy year during a global pandemic. The development of the new technical qualifications (TQs) that sit within the new T Levels is exciting for all of us. Everyone has worked extremely hard to develop the TQs in Building Services Engineering (BSE) and On-site Construction inline with the outline content that the T Level panel of employers developed.

Don't forget you can keep track of all our planned activities, including the approval process and delivery support, by viewing and/or downloading our handy [12-month countdown timeline](#).

As part of the 12-month countdown activities, we have delivered several webinars and communications. We will continue to do so as we move closer to the first teaching from September 2021. We want to stay in touch and make sure we are providing you with plenty of opportunities to access all the support as part of the preparing for the delivery phase.



We're pleased to announce that the below T Level TQs have been approved for delivery in 2021 by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and accredited by Ofqual. The final Specifications, Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) and key documents can be accessed from the [T Levels Construction and BSE webpage](#).

- T Level Technical Qualification in Building Services Engineering for Construction (8710) QAN 603/6911/5
- T Level Technical Qualification in Onsite Construction (8711) QAN 603/6917/6

[Access the new materials now](#)

We're proud to have been on this journey with our employers and provider partners, who have helped us design, review, and develop these world-class technical qualifications. The introduction of T Levels forms a significant shift in technical education provision for learners post 16 in England, offering an alternative to A Levels and apprenticeships.

### Occupational Specialism virtual network webinars

We've a series of occupational specialism webinars this January to support those providers looking to teach the new TQs from September 2021. Use the link below to secure your space now!



[Register for the webinar](#)



### Stay up-to-date

Don't forget to provide us with the correct details for all colleagues involved in the T Level delivery. Simply click on the relevant button below and we will be sure to keep you up-to-date.

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### Provider Approval and Support

***\*Don't forget to complete our pre-approval questionnaire\****

We're pleased to confirm our first Provider Approval and Support webinar last November was a success. We would like to remind you that we are now in the pro-approval stage where eligible providers will be allocated one of our Technical Qualification Associates (TQAs) who will be on hand to support and guide you across the next few months. We will then open the approval application process for the technical qualifications (TQs) on Monday 22 February 2021.

In the meantime, it is important that all providers delivering the On-site Construction and BSE TQs complete our [pre-approval questionnaire](#) to confirm the occupational specialism(s) you intend to deliver from September. We need this information to allocate one of our TQAs. Whilst we understand how busy you are at the moment, we encourage you to make the best use of the support package we have on offer and so you have every success in your approval application next year. More information on the approval process can be found by [visiting our website](#) - under the **approval process accordion**.

We look forward to receiving your application very soon.

[Complete pre-approval questionnaire](#)



### Update from our Lead Qualification Development manager

Thank you to all the providers and employers who have supported and worked with us in the development of these technical qualifications. The development team have received high quality feedback to help shape these new qualifications.

We are now in the process of developing and finalising guide standard exemplification materials that will support providers in the delivery of these new qualifications.



### Introducing our Employer Industry Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Our second Employer Industry Board (EIB) events for Construction and Building Services Engineering took place in November 2020. The newly appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs sat in the hot seats for the first time, chairing a board full of enthusiastic employers representing the industry's sub-sectors.

#### Building Service Engineering EIB:

Chair: David Barlow (Barlow's)

Vice-chair: Jerry Whiteley (Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineers)

#### Construction EIB:

Chair: Kate Parker (Procure Plus)

Vice-chair: Kat Healey (Guinness Property)

The primary focus was centred around the 12-month countdown to the launch of T Levels, and how the industry could be best placed to raise the profile of this new product. Needless to say, the outcomes were positive – whilst an emphasis remains around the work that is still being demanded to ensure the delivery network has the support required, as well as employers needing to understand the benefits of taking on a T Level learner, as opposed to the more traditional apprenticeship routes.

If you are an employer within the Building Services Engineering and Construction industries and wish to be involved, please complete our short [expression of interest form on our website](#).

The EIB is comprised of employers, professional associations, and other sector bodies and specialists to ensure our products and services are fit for purpose and meet the requirements of our industries.

[Learn more about our Employer Industry Board \(EIB\)](#)



### Update from the Education and Training Foundation (ETF)

The ETF tailored the list of T Level Professional Development (TLPD) courses available before Christmas to better suit practitioners' needs. See their [latest bulletin](#) for upcoming course dates, both pre and post-Christmas. To book onto our upcoming courses, visit the [T Level Professional Development Platform](#). The TLPD Platform is the key to accessing all elements of the TLPD offer and will support you on your T Level journey.

Once you have completed your profile, you will be able to undertake an Individual Training Needs Analysis (TNA) and access a growing resource library of materials and links relevant to T Level delivery. Completing a TNA will generate a personalised training package, tailored specifically to your current job role, level of experience and knowledge.

For further details about the TLPD offer, or if you have any questions, please contact your area's Regional Facilitator.

[Contact ETF now](#)



### Update from Gatsby - New support materials for industry placement mentors

Industry placements are a crucial part of T Level qualifications, giving young people a minimum of 315 hours spent on-site with an employer to develop their knowledge and skills. Employers will want to ensure support is in place to make the placement a successful experience for all involved, and providers will want to be sure their students will have high-quality industry placement experiences. Good mentoring practice will be an important component.

Gatsby has therefore designed a set of online materials to help employers and staff give mentoring support for students on T Level industry placements. Providers are encouraged to offer these materials, which are freely [available here](#), to employer contacts as a source of training and support.

For any questions about the materials or their uses, please email Natasha Watkinson at the Gatsby Foundation: [natasha.watkinson@gatsby.org.uk](mailto:natasha.watkinson@gatsby.org.uk).

Please share this e-bulletin with your colleagues delivering T Levels and encourage them to [sign-up via our website](#).

Past e-bulletins can be viewed on our [T Levels website](#) – under the **communication archive** **Webinar accordion**. You can also access the recording and presentations from past webinars under the **Webinar accordion** on our website.

Best wishes,  
City & Guilds and EAL T Levels team



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