

# What are T Levels?

T Levels are new technical study programmes that will sit alongside apprenticeships and 'A' Levels within a reformed skills training system. T Levels have been designed to create the skills revolution needed to meet the needs of our economy and are being developed in partnership with Government, business and education.

The introduction of T Levels aims to streamline technical education and focus on developing skills that sit within 15 industry routes. The first T Levels will be introduced in September 2020 with full roll-out intended from September 2023.

## 15 technical education routes roll out



Phased roll-out to 54 pilot providers

- Design & planning (Construction)
- Education & Childcare (Childcare and Education) – full route
- Software Applications Design (Digital)

Phased roll-out to be confirmed. Further selected centres also to be confirmed

- Agriculture, environment and animal care
- Business and administration
- Catering and hospitality
- Creative and design
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Hair and beauty
- Health and science
- Legal, finance and accounting



**Routes expected to be delivered via an Apprenticeship:**

- Protective services
- Sales marketing and procurement
- Social care
- Transport and logistics

## Key facts about T Levels

- T Levels will be level 3 technical study programmes, based on employer-designed standards and content, which will prepare students for highly skilled jobs and enable them to adapt to meet the skills needs of the future.
- Students achieving T Levels will be able to progress to the highest levels of skilled employment or technical education and training at levels 4, 5 and 6. Progression options will include higher and degree level apprenticeships or higher technical education, including technical degrees.
- Apprenticeships and T Levels will be based on the same set of standards designed by employers and others, but there will be differences in the overall content of each programme to reflect that apprenticeships are mainly delivered in the workplace, and T Levels will mainly be delivered in the classroom.
- Students achieving a T Level will have the numeracy, literacy, digital skills and wider transferable skills, attitudes and behaviours needed to succeed in occupations relevant to their chosen route and the wider workplace of the future.
- T Level programmes are substantial and will be high quality. They are likely to be equivalent in size to a three 'A' level programme and will have more teaching time built in to enable students to acquire more and better knowledge, skills and behaviours.