

T Levels

Background

Set up in 2017 after Lord Sainsbury's chaired a panel identifying the multitude of qualifications available for young people. Made recommendations about ways to develop technical employment. This led to the introduction of the new T Level programme.

- Two year courses starting in Sept 2020 (Ag and Hort starting in 2023)
- 16-19 year olds (may go to older) following their GCSE's
- 80% class work plus 3 months of placement across the two years
- Perfect for 16 year olds that know broadly what they want to do but not exactly what occupation

Flexible in terms of progression after the two years:

- Into employment
- Start an apprenticeship
- Higher level of education

Providers are selected and there will be

- 50 from September 2020
- +60 from Sept 2021
- +88 September 2022

www.Tlevels.gov.uk includes a postcode search that can find colleges/schools near you that are involved and who in your areas will be delivering T Levels in the future.

- 15 routes, with 14 being developed and 4 to follow (may not be suitable for age group e.g. include driving...)
- 25 T Levels across the 11 routes
- Once all content is complete a contract will be awarded to an awarding body who will then have a further 12 months to develop them and hand them on to the schools/colleges.
- 2022 Agri T Levels will be awarded to awarding body
- 2023 available in colleges/schools

Difference between T Levels and Apprenticeships

- T Levels are 80% class and 20% work experience
- Apprenticeships are 20% class and 80% work experience

Break down of T Level starts with the Core; Knowledge and Behaviours that all students should achieve, no matter their chosen route. Then into specialist occupation; crop, livestock, equine etc.

The specialist content is then broken down into 4 performance outcomes; all are assessed practically

Consultation questions

1. Does the knowledge in the Core content and the core skills specified for the Employer Set Project enable a learner to develop a broad understanding relevant to the Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care sector?

a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment:

2. Does the T Level occupational specialist content include the right knowledge and skills to meet employer needs when recruiting for a related occupation?

a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment:

3. Is there anything missing from the core or specialised content?

a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment:

4. Is there anything in either the core or specialist content that is not necessary?

- a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment:

5. Overall, is the content suitable for teaching in a school or college-based setting?

- a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment:

6. Overall, is the content set at the appropriate level of demand for a level 3 qualification?

- a. Yes b. No c. Unsure

Comment: