

NERUPI Update March 2022

T-LEVELS |  Pearson



What are T Levels?

- Post 16 **technical study programmes** that sit alongside apprenticeships and A levels, designed to support progression into employment, apprenticeships or further study.
- Developed in **partnership** with government, business and education, with contracts managed by IfATE. The T Level is certificated by IfATE.
- Focus on developing skills within **15 industry routes**. 11 of which will have a T Level, with a total of **24 Technical Qualifications**.
- First three pathways commenced **September 2020**, with full roll-out of all 25 TQs expected September 2023.
- The TQ Outline Content is based on **apprenticeship standards**, created by T Level panels to set out the knowledge and skills required.
- AOs use the **Outline Content** and Ofqual conditions to design the TQ specification and assessments.

The DfE timeline for roll-out



T Levels and the Technical Qualification

- The T Level is made up of several components:
 - Technical Qualification
 - 315-hour (minimum) Industry Placement
 - Industry qualifications (where applicable)
- 1800 hours over two years (with flexibility)
- Students will need to achieve all components to achieve their T level certificate from IfATE.
- The Technical Qualification will be developed and delivered by a single AO and is regulated by Ofqual.
- Pearson currently deliver the following TQs:
 - Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction (First teach: 2020)
 - Digital Production, Design and Development (First teach: 2020)
 - Accounting (First teach: 2022)
 - Finance (First teach: 2022)
 - Legal Services (First teach: 2023)

Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction: assessment approach

Core knowledge and skills 600GLH [50% of the total Technical Qualification]

Core Examination Paper 1

Science and Building Technology

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30 minute
- 33.33% of the Core
- 100 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium and extended open-response questions as well as drawing and maths questions.

Core Examination Paper 2

Construction Industry and Sustainability

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30-minute exam
- 33.33% of the Core
- 100 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium and extended open-response questions as drawing and identification questions.

Employer Set Project

- Externally assessed project
- 15 hour 30 (assessed in a fixed 4-week window)
- 33.33% of the Core
- 100 marks
- Graded A* - E

Students will undertake a project in response to a realistic contextualised challenge.

Occupational Specialism 600GLH [50% of the total Technical Qualification]

Students will take **one** Occupational Specialism:

- Surveying and Design for Construction and the Built Environment - 30 hours assessed in a fixed window
- Civil Engineering - 25 hours assessed in a fixed window
- Building Services Design - 20 hours 40 minutes assessed in a fixed window
- Hazardous Materials Analysis and Surveying - 15 hours 30 minutes assessed in a fixed week window

Each Occupational Specialist Project will be:

- Externally set and marked by Pearson
- 100% of the Occupational Specialism component
- 180 marks
- Graded P, M and D
- Students will respond to a vocational scenario within the specialism undertaken.

Digital Production, Design and Development: assessment approach

Core knowledge and skills 600GLH [50% of the total Technical Qualification]		
Core Examination Paper 1 Digital Analysis, Legislation and Emerging Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally assessed written examination 2-hour 30 minute 33.33% of the Core 100 marks Graded A* - E <p>The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium and extended open-response questions as well as drawing and developing code questions.</p>	Core Examination Paper 2 The Business Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally assessed written examination 2-hour 30-minute exam 33.33% of the Core 100 marks Graded A* - E <p>The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium and extended open-response questions as well as labelling questions.</p>	Employer Set Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally assessed project 14-hour 30 minute (assessed in a fixed 3-week window) 33.33% of the Core 100 marks Graded A* - E Students will undertake a project in response to a realistic contextual challenge.
Occupational Specialism 600GLH [50% of the total Technical Qualification]		
The Occupational Specialist Project will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally set and marked by Pearson 67 hours (assessed in a fixed 11-week window) 100% of the Occupational Specialism component 145 marks Graded P, M and D Students will respond to a vocational scenario to design and develop a software based solution. 		

Accounting: assessment approach

Core knowledge and skills 500GLH

Core Examination Paper 1

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30-minute
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium, calculation and extended open-response questions.

Core Examination Paper 2

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30-minute exam
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium, calculation and extended open-response questions.

Employer Set Project

- Externally assessed project
- 12-hour 30 minute (assessed in a fixed 4-week window)
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

Students will undertake a project in response to a realistic contextualised challenge.

Occupational Specialism 600GLH

Assistant Accountant – 17 hours 25 minute assessed via set date/time and window

The Occupational Specialist Project will be:

- Externally set and marked by Pearson
- 100% of the Occupational Specialism component
- 258 marks
- Graded P, M and D
- Students will respond to a vocational scenario within the specialism undertaken.

Finance: assessment approach

Core knowledge and skills 500GLH

Core Examination Paper 1

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30-minute
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium, calculation and extended open-response questions.

Core Examination Paper 2

- Externally assessed written examination
- 2-hour 30-minute exam
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

The examination consists of Section A and Section B and will include short, medium, calculation and extended open-response questions.

Employer Set Project

- Externally assessed project
- 14-hour 30 minute (assessed in a fixed 4-week window)
- 33.33% of the Core
- 90 marks
- Graded A* - E

Students will undertake a project in response to a realistic contextualised challenge.

Occupational Specialism 600GLH

Students will take **one** Occupational Specialism:

- Retail and Commercial Banking Analyst – 13 hours assessed via set date/time and window
- Investment Banking and Asset and Wealth Management Analyst - 13 hours 25 Minutes assessed via set date/time and window
- Insurance Practitioner – 14 hours 25 minutes assessed via set date/time
- Financial Compliance/Risk Analyst - 13 hours assessed via set date/time

Each Occupational Specialist Project will be:

- Externally set and marked by Pearson
- 100% of the Occupational Specialism component
- 206 marks
- Graded P, M and D
- Students will respond to a vocational scenario within the specialism undertaken.

T Level Grading & UCAS Points

		Occupational Specialism			T Level Grade
		Distinction	Merit	Pass	
Core Component Grade	A*	Distinction*	Distinction	Distinction	
	A	Distinction	Distinction	Merit	
	B	Distinction	Merit	Merit	
	C	Merit	Merit	Pass	
	D	Merit	Pass	Pass	
	E	Pass	Pass	Pass	

UCAS Tariff Points	T Level Grade	A Level Grades
168	Distinction*	A*A*A*
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C or above on core)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E on core)	DDD

Industry Placement

Essential part of T Levels managed by the DfE

- Minimum, 315 hours of placement within an industry environment that's linked to the occupational specialism or T Level route.
- Designed to build 'threshold' competence so learners can start full time employment in their chosen occupational sector.
- 25 hours of 'tasters' into an occupational specialism.
- Students can be placed with up to a maximum of 2 employers.
- SEND learners can have 105 hours in a placement at the providers on site facilities.
- For the most up to date information about industry placement requirements please visit the DfE website.

T Level Certificates

Students who pass all the elements of their T Level will get a nationally recognised certificate (issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency) showing an overall grade of pass, merit, distinction, or distinction*

It will also set out the details of what students have achieved on their course including:

- The grade for the core component, (A* to E).
- The grade for the occupational specialism, shown as Pass, Merit or Distinction.
- Details of the industry placement.

Please note - Pearson will **not** be issuing T Level certificates or Technical Qualification certificates.



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