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Dear T Level Providers,

This letter is to update you on the T Levels which will be available for delivery from 2022 and 2023, further information on when the approved 2021 technical qualifications will be available, and revisions to some T Level course titles.

### **T Levels available for delivery in 2022**

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (the Institute) is currently carrying out the procurement process to appoint Awarding Organisations to develop and deliver the eight T Levels due to be available from 2022, from the Legal, Finance & Accounting, the Engineering & Manufacturing route and the Business & Administration route.

Following the assessment and moderation of bids they expect to award contracts in September for six of the eight T Levels:

- Finance
- Accounting
- Engineering and Manufacturing Design and Development
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
- Management and Administration

It remains incredibly important that we continue to ensure all elements of the T Level programme are of high quality. The bids received for Legal and HR did not meet minimum requirements and the Institute will therefore not be awarding contracts for these two T Levels in the autumn. These two T Levels will be included in the next procurement round, for delivery from 2023. You will therefore not be able to offer these programmes from 2022 as you have indicated that you would like to, but you will be able to do so from 2023.

We are disappointed that the roll out schedule will not be able to proceed as planned but are determined to make sure that all T Levels offer an excellent technical programme for young people to give them the best progression options possible.

## **Cultural Heritage and Visitor Attractions**

We also wanted to let you know that the Institute has taken the decision to halt the development of the T Level in Cultural Heritage and Visitor Attractions (CHVA), which was due to be available from 2023. The Institute has concluded that a T Level in CHVA would have limited employer demand and insufficient interest from students, and that the needs of the sector could be met through other T Levels.

The Institute conducted extensive consultation before making this decision – a total of 173 organisations were surveyed in the sector, as well as the employers involved in the creation of relevant occupational standards. Employers that were consulted felt that the T Levels in Business and Administration were well placed to develop the skills that are relevant to many occupations within the sector.

## **2021 Technical qualifications**

As you'll be aware, City & Guilds and NCFE are currently developing the seven T Levels that will be available from September 2021 (in the Construction, Digital and Health & Science routes). If you are delivering any of those T Levels, you will have had access to early drafts of the qualification materials.

As you will also be aware, awarding organisations have been affected by the impact of Covid-19, including having to divert resources to work on the arrangements for this summer's awarding. They have also found it more challenging to engage employers in the qualification development process, particularly in the Health & Science sector. As a consequence, we now anticipate that the final, approved versions of the qualification materials will be available to you by mid-November (or early January for Healthcare Science). We are confident that this additional time will allow the awarding organisations to develop qualifications of a high quality, and they will continue to share drafts with you in the intervening period.

## **T Level course titles**

We have also reviewed the titles of all the T Levels to ensure they are clear for students, parents and employers. In essence, we have added the route name into those where it was unclear and have updated some 2022 titles. These have been agreed with the Institute. Please use these titles going forward. We appreciate this might not be possible for those starting in September but ask that you update materials when possible.

Below is the list of T Levels and when they will launch (\* denotes a change to the course title)

### 2020 (wave 1)

- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction\*
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Childcare\*

### 2021 (wave 2)

- Building Services Engineering for Construction\*
- Digital Business Services
- Digital Support and Services
- Health
- Healthcare Science

- Onsite Construction
- Science

2022 (wave 3)

- Accounting\*
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing\*
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control\*
- Finance\*
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing\*
- Management and Administration

2023 (wave 4)

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management
- Catering
- Craft and Design
- Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Media, Broadcast and Production

Please speak to your ESFA contact if you would like to discuss any implications of these changes. Many thanks for your continued commitment to the T Levels programme.

Yours faithfully



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