

# T Levels – how to complete your expression of interest to deliver in academic year 2021 to 2022

To deliver any of the 10 T Level pathways from the 2021 to 2022 academic year providers must express their interest by completing this online submission. When expressing an interest, providers will be asked whether they meet all of the <u>requirements of the criteria</u> to be eligible to deliver T Levels from the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

You should demonstrate that you meet all of the requirements of the criteria to qualify to deliver the T Level in the 2021 to 2022 academic year. The deadline for expressing an interest is 12.00 (midnight) on 28 February 2019. If you miss this deadline or fail to provide the requested information, your expression of interest will not be considered and you will not be able to deliver T Levels in the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

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The final page of this expression of interest requires you to click on the submit button. You will see a notification once you click on the finished survey button. ESFA will not receive your expression of interest if you do not complete this action and we will not be able to accept your application.

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# **Expression of interest – questions**

#### **About your institution**

#### Question 1- Please give the following details about your institution

The information contained within these questions is mandatory, as it will enable us to identify you and contact the key person or deputy if needed.

#### Name of institution:

Please include the full name of your institution as stated on your allocation statement.

#### Institution address:

Please list your full address.

#### Institution postcode:

Please provide your full post code.

#### Institution website:

Please include your website address.

#### **UKPRN:**

Please confirm your correct 8 digit UKPRN as stated on your allocation statement.

#### **UPIN:**

Please confirm your correct 6 digit UPIN as stated on your allocation statement.

#### Question 2 - Merger details

Please confirm if you have previously or are in the process of going through a merger and provide details including who you are merging with the date and what your institution name will be in the future.

#### Question 3 – Institution type

Please confirm your institution type by selecting the appropriate drop down from the list. If your institution type is not listed select other and complete the text box with the details.

#### Question 4 - Key contact details

Please give the following details about your T Level lead contact (use separate boxes for name, job title, telephone number and email address).

The section below is by T Level route. You will need to complete a section for each T Level route you intend to deliver.

Initially you will be asked if you want to deliver the construction route.

# Question 5 - Do you wish to express an interest to deliver T Levels in the Construction route in 2021 to 2022 academic year?

Please answer yes or no.

If you answer yes, you will proceed to questions in relation to the Construction route.

If you answer no you will be directed to a next route, where you will answer the same questions for that route.

Question 6 - To qualify to deliver any of the T Level pathways in the construction route, you must be delivering qualifications in the relevant SSAs. Please also confirm the relevant level 3 technical or vocational qualifications in construction you currently deliver. You will need to provide the SSA(s), qualification name and qualification number.

For these questions demonstrate whether you currently deliver the relevant qualifications for that route by providing the relevant SSAs, qualification names, and the Qualification numbers (learning aims reference). If you deliver level 3 qualifications but these are in other subject areas, outside of this route, this will not qualify. If you deliver qualifications below level 3 in this route for example, level 2, these also do not qualify. T Levels will exist as high quality, rigorous, level 3 courses and therefore we want providers already delivering qualifications at this level to implement the T Levels first.

Relevant qualifications are those that meet all of the following criteria, which are:

- at level 3 technical or vocational qualifications
- at least 360glh (the size of an A level)
- within the relevant Sector Subject Area (SSA) according to Section 96 and relevant to the T Level to be introduced in September 2021, and
- <u>catergorised</u> as either Occupational Qualification, Other General Qualification, QCF Qualification or Vocationally-Related Qualification

For each pathway please include the correct qualification name and learner aim reference number (8 characters) as available from the <u>Learner Aims Reference Service</u>.

Questions 7 - How many qualifying students (in total) were enrolled on these qualifications in the 2017 to 2018 academic year in your institution? You will need to have 10 or more students per route as a minimum to qualify.

Please state how many of your students took qualifications in the SSAs relevant to that route in the 2017 to 2018 academic year. For clarity you should include all of the students that are enrolled on qualifications in all of the SSAs relevant to that route (see table 1).

You will need to have 10 or more students as a minimum currently taking qualifications relevant to the T Level route to qualify. We want institutions delivering T Levels in 2021 to start with a reasonable number of students to ensure an effective start. If you have fewer than 10 students in total on the relevant qualifications in that route you will not be eligible to deliver any T Level in that route in the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Table 1 – The 10 T Level pathways that will be available for delivery from 2021 and the relevant Sector Subject Areas

| T Level Route              | Sector Subject Area (SSA)  For the purposes of identifying relevant current provision, SSAs are applied to the T Level route and are not used to distinguish between pathways | T Level Pathway and outline content  To view the outline content for each pathway, please click on the hyperlink(s)  The outline content in relation to the seven new T Levels due in September 2021 are still subject to change until the invitation to tender documentation is published |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Digital                    | 6.1 ICT practitioners 9.3 Media and communication   | Digital support and services  Digital business services  Digital production design and development   |
| Construction               | <ul><li>5. 1 Architecture</li><li>5. 2 Building and Construction</li><li>5.3 Urban, Rural and Regional<br/>Planning</li></ul>   | Onsite construction  Building services engineering  Design, surveying and planning   |
| Education and<br>Childcare | 1.5 Child development and wellbeing 13.1 Teaching and lecturing 13.2 Direct learning support  | Education  |
| Health and<br>Science      | <ul><li>1.1 Medicine and Dentistry</li><li>1.2 Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine</li><li>1.3 Health and Social Care</li><li>2.1 Science</li></ul>         | Health Healthcare science Science  |

Question 8 - How many students (in total) are you aiming to enrol on each T Level in September 2021, September 2022 and September 2023 (please provide an indicative number).

Please provide an indicative number for each T Level in terms of your intended delivery in each year September 2021, September 2022 and September 2023. You may wish to refer to the <u>occupational</u>

<u>maps</u> or <u>the outline content (table 1, column 3)</u> for all pathways, to identify similar qualifications you currently deliver. This will help you estimate more accurately which students might map across to T Levels. These projections are not part of the selection criteria for T Level delivery.

These questions are then repeated for the other routes you may choose to deliver.

#### **Additional questions**

Please note that if your answer is no to the additional questions related to your financial health and if your Ofsted grade is requires improvement, then you have not met the requirement to be eligible to deliver T Levels in the 2021 to 2022 academic year and you may wish to not proceed with the expression of interest.

#### Please confirm your published:

- current Ofsted rating. If your grade is Requires Improvement or Inadequate you will not qualify
- the date of the inspection
- if you were inspected under any other name, if so please provide the UPIN and UKPRN for that provider

Please select your Ofsted rating from your most recent Ofsted inspection. You will also need to include if you were expected under another name (i.e. prior a merger). Providers who hold a rating of Outstanding will not be given priority over providers who hold a rating of Good in this selection process. Providers with a rating of Inadequate or Requires Improvement are not invited to express an interest to deliver in the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

We recognise that some providers will not yet have been inspected by Ofsted and there is a 'not inspected' box for those providers to select. There is a text box for these providers to demonstrate how they have good or outstanding quality standards. You should include information on the performance measures you use to demonstrate this. You should include any information you hold on your teaching quality, the quality of courses and student satisfaction measures.

#### Is your financial health satisfactory or above?

Please select yes or no. We reserve the right to exclude any provider where a Financial Notice to Improve (FNTI) is in place, where a provider is at risk of financial difficulty or where there are any other known issues that could prevent or affect quality delivery.

If your status changes against any of the published criteria between when we consider your expression of interest and delivery, we reserved the right to review your continued participation in the group of 2021 providers.

#### Additional information not used in the selection process

The final 2 questions in the survey are open questions and ask for detail of your engagement with employers and on maximising take up.

What current links do you have with local employers in areas related to the above pathway and how do you engage with them in delivering the practical and/or theoretical training elements of the qualification?

Collaborating with local employers will be essential to successful T Level delivery. You should set out in this section how you currently engage with local employers or other organisations and how

you will build on these relationships to enhance your delivery model, including the successful delivery of work placements, a key requirement of a T Level course.

What is your strategy for maximising the take up of T Levels and how would delivering T Levels affect how you market other vocational and technical qualifications?

T Levels will be new courses that will supersede qualifications (subject to the review of qualifications outside of T Levels) that currently exist and are taught. We want the take up of T Levels to grow over time. Here you should explain how delivering T Levels will impact other qualifications you have on offer and whether you have any techniques or an approach to increase the take up of T Levels.

## **Next steps**

Once you have **completed** your expression of interest and **submitted** it to us, we will consider your responses and the ESFA will write to you by the end of June confirming whether you have been selected to deliver T Levels in the 2021 to 2022 academic year or not.

### **Returning your expression of interest**

Completed expression of interests should be **fully completed** and **submitted** to us by **midnight on 28 February 2019**.

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