

# creating the next generation of skilled digital workers.

T levels are a new, high-quality, work-focussed alternative to A Levels for young people once they've completed their GCSEs.

Equivalent to three A Levels, a digital T Level will equip students with the practical skills and knowledge they need to progress into the digital workforce, university, or a higher level digital apprenticeship.

**Here's everything you  
need to know about  
digital T Levels.**

# Be in the know

## What is a digital T Level?

Designed to help bridge the gap between the classroom and the workplace, T Levels are two-year programmes which combine technical learning with vital hands-on work experience through industry placements.

Digital T Levels have been developed in collaboration with sector experts and leading employers to ensure they meet the needs of the digital workforce and set learners up for success.

## T Levels at a glance

-  **2 year courses**
-  **Equivalent to 3 A levels**
-  **Created alongside employers**
-  **Offer 'on-the-job' experience**
-  **Provide UCAS points**

## How are the digital T Levels structured?

A digital T Level is made up of the following 4 components:



### Technical Qualification

This will provide students with specific technical knowledge and practical skills necessary for a career within the digital support and business services sector.



### Work Placement

The work placement will be for a minimum of 45 days in a digital related role helping students gain an in depth understanding for the sector and what it's like to work within it.



### English, maths and digital

This will ensure students are equipped with the necessary English, maths and digital skills needed to step in the the digital workforce.



### Transferable workplace skills

## Who is eligible to take a digital T Level?

The digital support services T Level, and digital business services T Level are suitable for students aged 16-18 years old looking to progress in to the digital sector.

There is no specific recommended prior learning requirements, skills or knowledge that a student must have before starting a digital T Level; however, students should hold or be studying for a Level 2 English and maths qualifications as part of the T Level programme.



### Opening up a world of opportunities

A T Level in Digital Support and Business Services can open up a wide range of opportunities to you following completion, including moving on to:

- **Employment in the digital and business sector**
- **Higher or degree level apprenticeships**
- **Higher level technical study, including higher education**

## What occupations can a digital T Level lead on to?

NCFE is working with Government, business and current practitioners to develop the qualifications that will underpin the Digital Support Services T Level, and Digital Business Services T Level. These T Levels can support progression on to a variety of occupational specialisms within the digital sector.

### Digital Support Services

This T Level will provide students with an essential overview of all digital sector roles, with a particular focus on understanding data and digital systems, security testing, planning and legal issues. Students will have the opportunity to specialise in one of the following occupational areas:



**Digital infrastructure**



**Network cabling**



**Digital support**

### Digital Business Services

This T Level will provide students with an introduction to the full breadth of digital roles, with a particular focus on understanding data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning and legal issues. Students will build on this understanding by developing skills associated with the data technician occupational specialism. This includes gaining understanding of how to source, analyse and interpret data to support business needs.



**Data technician**



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We are working with Government, business and current practitioners to develop the qualifications that will underpin T levels for the education and childcare, digital, health and science sectors.

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