

T-Levels and Budget update - what it means for FE

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Welcome to this Lsect webinar

Agenda

14:00 Registration

14:05 T-Levels and Budget update incl. Q&A
Nick Linford, author of the Complete Guide to Funding Apprenticeships

15:00 End

Budget touched on

- New funding and reforms to 16-19 vocational training
- New funding and reforms to FE loans
- New funding for lifelong learning 'pilots'

On Sunday 16-19 FE investment made front pages!



Treasury spokesperson: "A radical investment to implement the most ambitious post-16 education reforms since the introduction of A-levels 70 years ago will be placed at the heart of this week's Budget."

'T-levels' to boost skills for life after Brexit

By Ben Riley-Smith
ASSISTANT POLITICAL EDITOR

BRITISH teenagers are to be offered a new qualification in a multi-billion-pound shake-up of technical education: the "T-level".

The courses – designed to rival to A-levels – will be offered to 16- to 19-year-olds and will teach vocational skills such as engineering and construction.

Philip Hammond, the Chancellor, will

announce what has been described as the "most ambitious post-16 education reforms" in 70 years in Wednesday's Budget. More than £500 million a year will eventually be spent on the reforms to help prepare the economy for Brexit.

Ministers are determined to make technical training as enticing as university for bright and ambitious teenagers. Improving technical education is seen as a way to both raise the country's "weak" productivity rate and fill

skills gaps. A panoply of 13,000 different technical qualifications will be replaced by just 15 courses. A provisional list of subjects include engineering and manufacturing, business and administration, catering and hospitality, construction and social care.

A Treasury source said: "Now we're leaving Europe we really need to up our game on this stuff. We cannot wait."

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You can rely on FE Week to provide detail

News

Chancellor to announce 'over £500m' per year in extra funding for post-16 skills reform

News

Making sense of the plans for T-Levels

FE Experts



Budget will give green light to FE maintenance loans, which is a step in the right direction

FE Experts



DAVID HUGHES
 Chief Executive of the Association of Colleges (AC)

 I'm delighted the Chancellor has faced up to skills challenges of Brexit

And David Hughes even made onto the BBC Breakfast sofa!



Yesterday the Chancellor repeated this in Budget



"Our task today is to take the next steps in preparing Britain for a global future. To equip our young people with the skills they need."



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spring-budget-2017-documents>

Table B.2: Treasury scorecard of policy decisions and OBR assessment of the uncertainty of costings

	Head	£ million					Uncertainty	
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22		
Raising Productivity and Living Standards								
1	16-19 Technical Education: implement Sainsbury reforms	Spend	0	-60	-115	-250	-445	N/A
2	Education capital: extend free schools programme	Spend	-20	-30	-50	-280	-655	N/A
3	Education capital: school investment	Spend	0	-130	-130	0	0	N/A

Key points about the 'extra £500m'

Extra funding is to increase delivery to a 5 day week, 900 hour T-level (Study programme average currently 600)

So extra per learner investment for T-Levels only and wont start until September 2019 at earliest

Plan is for only a few routes to be live by 2019 and about £115m extra

The full £500m+ extra wont be until September 2022 at the earliest for full roll-out

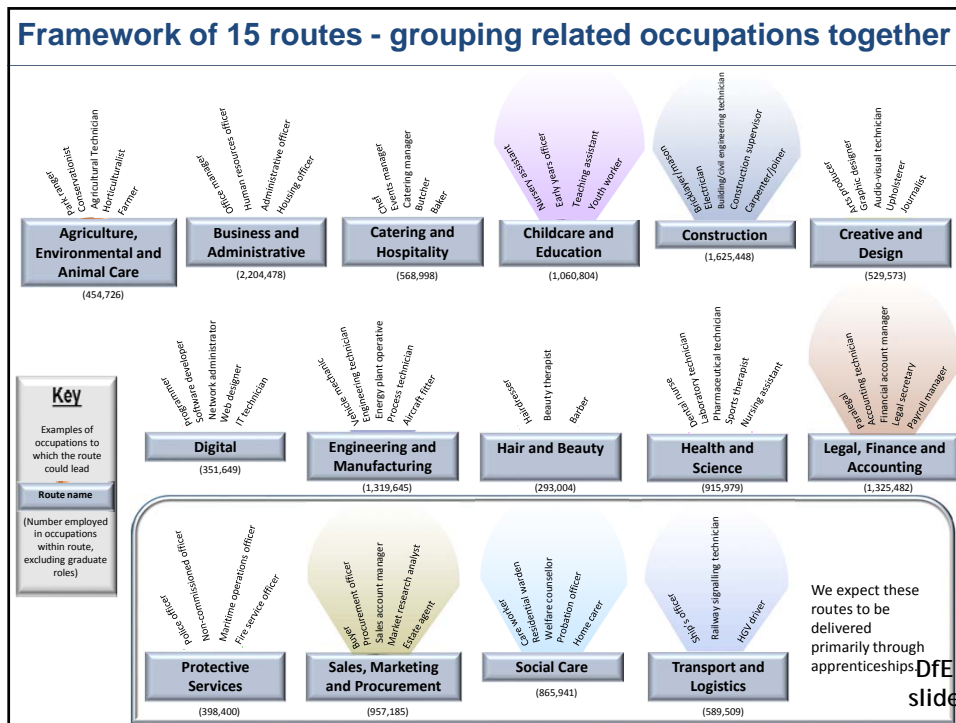
History of T-Level reform

The Government first announced in November 2015 that they had big plans for reforming post-16 skills training, starting with a review by a panel led by Lord Sainsbury.

In May 2016 FE Week exclusively reported that there would be an academic and vocational divide at 16, with 15 new technical education routes.

Then, in July the government officially responded to the Sainsbury review and confirmed the plans for 15 routes in a Post-16 Skills Plan. There was to be no extra money to fund the courses in these 15 routes

At budget on Wednesday there will be a new is a commitment to increase teaching hours from 600 to 900 with additional investment of £500m by September 2022.



Developing qualifications for technical routes

Employer-set standards underpin the technical education system

- Occupational standards will underpin all technical education – apprenticeships and college-based provision – with one standard per occupation.
- Each standard will set out the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are required to be fully competent in an occupation and employers will be in the lead to set these standards.

Occupational maps show relationship between occupations in each route

- An occupational map will be developed for each route, clustering occupations that share knowledge, skills and behaviour requirements most closely together.

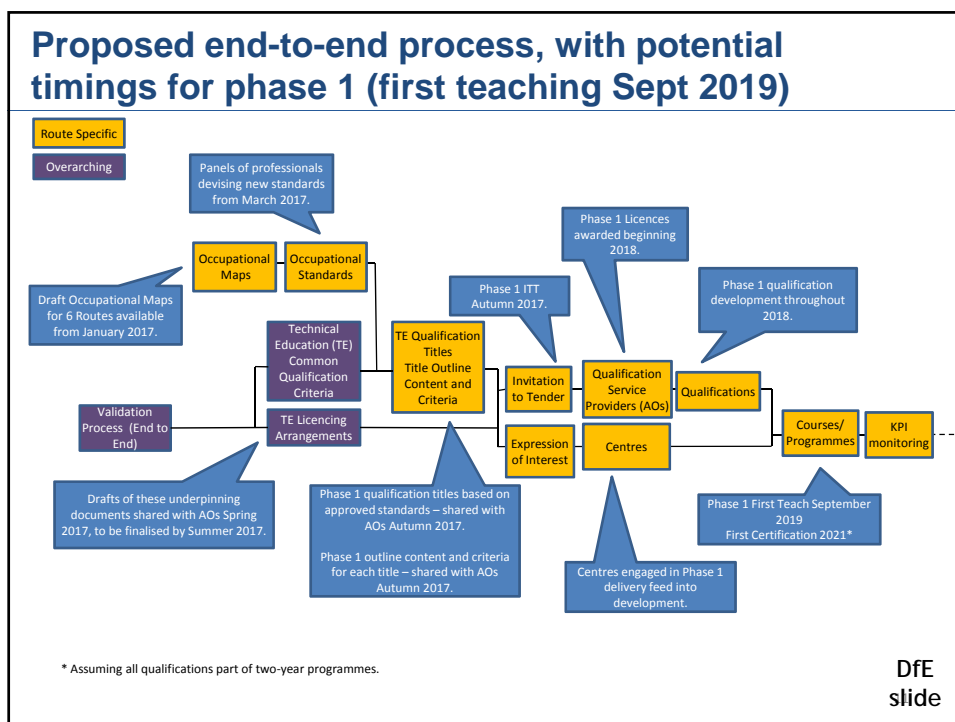
Current apprenticeship standards will be mapped to the new routes

- Panels of professionals will be convened to develop standards where apprenticeships do not yet exist and are not currently planned.

Technical qualifications

- The occupational map will form the basis for the structure of the new technical qualifications. There may be a number of qualifications per route, each covering a cluster of occupations.
- Core content will be drawn from the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are relevant to the cluster of occupations covered by the qualification.
- A single organisation or consortium will be granted an exclusive licence to develop and deliver the qualification for a fixed period of time, following a competitive process.

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Reform of Advanced learning loans

Now available at 19+, so will become relevant to non-first full level 3 19+ year-olds doing Tech Levels

Budget announced: "The provision of maintenance loans, like those available to university students, to students on higher technical education courses at levels 4-6 in National Colleges and Institutes of Technology. This will create real parity with the academic route."

Lifelong learning pilots

“Lifelong learning pilots - The changing nature of work makes retraining and reskilling essential and so the government will spend up to £40 million by 2018-19 to test different approaches to help people to retrain and upskill throughout their working lives.”

Treasury press office told me...

- We will invest up to £40m to pilot innovative new approaches to lifelong learning.
- Lifelong learning was highlighted as an important issue in the Industrial Strategy, where we committed to explore ambitious new methods to encourage greater adult retraining throughout the lifetime.
- Potential pilots could include innovative course delivery, such as using digital technology, as well as using contact points with Government to encourage learning (e.g. Jobcentre Plus)
- Lifelong learning policies can help people of varying skills levels, from skilled manufacturing workers to taxi drivers to business professionals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/future-of-skills-and-lifelong-learning>

Final Q&A

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