

WHAT ARE HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS?

Post-18 technical education

What are HTQs?

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are technical and vocational qualifications in England designed to provide the skills and knowledge needed for specific careers. They are new and existing level 4 and 5 qualifications, developed and approved by employers, ensuring they are of high quality and job focused.

Who are HTQs for?

- School or college leavers (post-18).
- Adults looking to upskill or retrain.

How is an HTQ structured?

An HTQ is structured similarly to other higher education qualifications but with a strong focus on practical skills and employer needs. They are typically delivered in classroom settings in further education colleges, universities and Institutes of Technology.

HTQs are flexible and can be studied full time or part time, and some will offer online options. Level 4 courses equate to 120 credits and Level 5 courses equate to 240 credits.

KEY FACTS



- Typically take 1-2 years to complete.
- They have been created alongside employers.
- They are level 4 or 5 qualifications.
- Student finance is available.
- Typically delivered in classroom settings.
- Suited to those aged 18+.



Linked resource

Find out more about the differences between HTQs and apprenticeships in this guide (see link below).



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Which HTQs are available?

There are over 230 providers delivering HTQs across England. HTQs are available in a wide range of sectors:

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Protective Services
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement



Look out for the HTQ quality mark which shows that a course meets employer-approved standards and gives students the skills needed for high-skilled jobs.

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What progression is there following an HTQ?



Employment

HTQs are designed to prepare you for skilled technical roles. Employers value HTQs because they're industry-approved and focus on practical, job-ready skills.



Further study

You could undertake another HTQ at a higher level (e.g. from Level 4 to Level 5) or top up to a full degree using HTQ credit

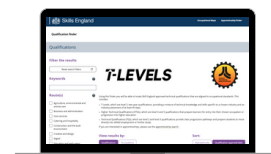


Apprenticeships

HTQs are a great way to prepare for an apprenticeship and in some cases, your prior learning could lead to a shorter apprenticeship.

How can I find out which providers offer HTQs?

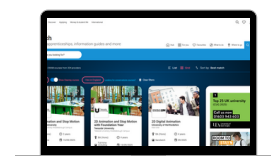
You can search for HTQs via the Skills England qualification finder (see link below).



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You can also use the UCAS website to search for HTQs (see link below).



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Visit the Department for Education's HTQ Resource Hub at htqtoolkit.co.uk



Explore the Amazing Apprenticeships' HTQs page at amapps.uk/htqs