

# A quick guide to Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)



## What are HTQs?

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are a great way to get the skills employers want - a route to well-paid, secure and sustainable jobs.

We know that employers are crying out for more people qualified in specialist skills to grow their businesses and the economy. HTQs are at the forefront of our drive to have more people qualified at higher technical levels – great jobs such as Nursing Associate, Sports Coach or Network Engineer.

HTQs give employers a voice at the heart of the skills system – developing the standards that qualifications are assessed against. With employers telling us what skills they need and what 'quality' means, students can have confidence that taking an HTQ will be an investment in themselves, and in the future.

Once approved, the HTQ can display the HTQ Quality Mark, meaning that it delivers the skills employers need. Look out for this logo to find an approved HTQ.



## What are the benefits of HTQs?

HTQs give you confidence that you are getting the specialist skills that employers want in their sectors. They offer a great deal of flexibility for a variety of learners, including the possibility to study full or part time. They are a great way to continue your studies and get a good job, or to retrain or progress in your current career.

## What are the entry requirements?

You have to be at least 18 to undertake an HTQ and they can be taken after a level 3 qualification, such as A-levels, T Levels, BTECs or some advanced apprenticeships. Entry requirements to HTQs are set by the course providers.

## WHICH HTQS ARE AVAILABLE?

### Available now

- Digital
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Health & Science
- Business & Administration
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

### Available from September 2025

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Creative & Design
- Protective Services
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement

## Do you have to pay tuition fees for HTQs?

If an HTQ is undertaken as a standalone qualification, tuition fees will apply, which will vary depending on the course. They're likely to cost from around £6,000 to £9,250 a year for a one-year or two-year course.

## Are student finance options available?

HTQs attract the same [student finance](#) as degree study. This means eligible students can access tuition fee and maintenance loans on a part-time and full-time basis.

## How do you apply for an HTQ?

There are two ways to apply for an HTQ.

- Use the [UCAS website](#) to search and apply for HTQ courses
- Apply directly to the training provider

Applications should be made in the autumn term observing the January deadline to have the best chance of securing your first choice for the following September. You may also be able to find available HTQs during Clearing in August.