

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 these 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 skills that employers want. 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.

When can you start an HTQ?

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.



Which HTQs are available?

September 2022	Digital
September 2023	Construction & the Built Environment Health & Science
September 2024	Business & Administration Education & Early Years Engineering & Manufacturing Legal, Finance & Accounting
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 £7,000 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.