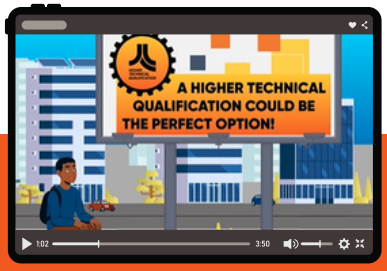
HTQS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

This quick guide has been created for parents and carers, to help you understand what Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) involve and why they could be a great next step for your child.

Key facts about HTQs

- HTQs are new or existing level 4 and 5 technical and vocational qualifications, such as HNCs, HNDs or Foundation Degrees.
- HTQs are for school/college leavers (post-18) or adults looking to upskill or retrain.
- Any qualification with the HTQ quality mark has been developed and approved by employers, meaning they are job focused and high quality.
- A full-time level 4 HTQ will usually take one year to complete and a full-time level 5 HTQ will usually take two years.
- HTQs are flexible and can be studied full or part time.
- HTQs are typically classroom-based and taught in further education colleges, universities and Institutes of Technology.
- HTQs are awarded credits and students can apply to university to 'top up' to a degree (in a similar subject area) if they wish.



Watch this animated film all about HTQs:
amapps.uk/htqs-animation

13 subject areas

250+ HTQ courses

230+ HTQ providers

HTQ subject areas

Explore HTQ subjects:
gov.uk/government/publications/higher-technical-qualification-overview

- Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- Business and administration
- Catering and hospitality
- Care services
- Construction, design and build
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and early years
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Health and science
- Legal, finance and accounting
- Protective services
- Sales, marketing and procurement

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Structure of HTQs

HTQs are structured similarly to other higher education qualifications, but with a strong focus on practical skills and employer needs. Students follow a set of structured modules that build technical knowledge, practical ability and professional behaviours, with assessments that check they can apply what they've learned in realistic workplace situations. HTQs can be studied full-time, part-time or in flexible blocks, making them a practical option for individuals who want a higher-level route into skilled work without committing to a full degree.

HTQ FAQs



Who is suited to HTQs?

HTQs are suitable for those looking for a practical, employer-led programme with a job focus, but who prefer classroom-based learning to work-based learning.

What are the entry requirements for HTQs?

Each educational provider sets their own entry requirements. The grades or qualifications needed will depend on the type of course being applied for. Most providers state their entry requirements in terms of UCAS tariff points, and requirements could range from 0 – 112.

How do HTQs support progression to Higher Education?

HTQs at either Level 4 or 5 would earn credits. For example, a level 4 Certificate in Education that is an approved HTQ typically attracts 120 credits. Students could make an application to a university to 'top up' to a degree (in a similar subject area) on the basis of these credits. Universities would consider each application on its merits. Typically, 360 credits are needed in total to complete an undergraduate degree.





Is student finance available?

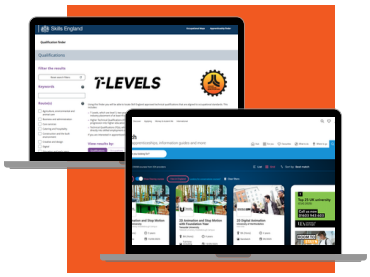
Yes. HTQs attract the same funding as traditional degrees.

What can my child do after an HTQ?

After an HTQ your child could progress into skilled employment, an apprenticeship, or they could use the credits to progress onto further study.

How can you find HTQ courses?

- Search for HTQs via the Skills England qualification finder: skillsengland.education.gov.uk/qualifications
- Use the UCAS website to search and apply for HTQ courses: ucas.com/applying/before-you-apply/what-and-where-to-study/choosing-a-course/higher-technical-qualifications
- Look directly at training provider websites



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