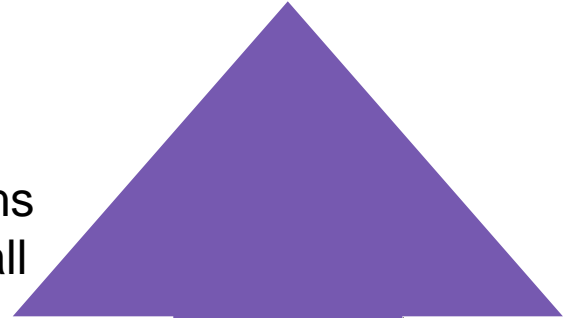



***ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY
FLEXIBILITIES
FOR WAVE 1 INDUSTRY
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CURRENT WAVE 1 AND 2 FLEXIBILITIES (introduced in Nov 2021)

We are committed to ensuring that no student is unable to complete their T Level because they have not been able to do an industry placement, as a result of Covid-19.

In November, in response to the ongoing challenges of Covid-19, we introduced additional temporary flexibilities for **2020 & 2021 cohort students only**, which will be removed from July 2023:

1. **Blended placements for all T Levels**, except Education and Childcare
2. **Pathway level placements for Health, Healthcare Science & Science**
3. **Extension of existing minimum placement hours flex** for students on the Early Years Educator occupational specialism to Wave 2 students
4. **Joint Awarding Body Quality Group Risk Rated Approach for students on the Early Years Educator Occupational Specialism** (allows some elements of the criteria to be assessed by methods other than direct workplace observation)

ADDITIONAL WAVE 1 TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITIES (introduced 12 January)

Following the order to work from home as part of the Plan B Covid restrictions, we have introduced **further temporary flexibilities that can be applied to 2020 digital and construction T Level students only**, so all students can so complete the industry placement requirement by the end of this academic year. These are:

1. 100% remote placements

- Students must work from the provider site
- Guiding principles for remote working to ensure a high-quality experience available on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
- All other core principles of the [industry placement guidance](#) apply in the same way as in-person placements
- Remote placement hours already completed can be added retrospectively

2. Employer-led activities and projects in lieu of a placement with an employer

- The activities and projects must make up the minimum 315 placement hours
- Providers to work with employers to devise occupationally focussed projects or a series of activities to enable students to develop their technical and employability skills and demonstrate progress towards their learning goals
- Employers need to be engaged at intervals throughout the project life cycle
- Students must work from the provider site
- This flexibility can be used in conjunction with the 100% remote placement flexibility
- Separate from the employer-set project completed in the first year, as part of the technical qualification

3. **The addition of the ‘impact of Covid-19’ to the list of eligible criteria set in the special considerations policy**

- Enables students to complete their placement in less than 315 hours, as long as they have demonstrated sufficient progress towards their learning goals
- If you apply special consideration, you must complete a special consideration form on the Manage T Level Results service.

Conditions of new flexibilities

- The **provision of in-person placements remains the gold standard**, followed by blended, then 100% remote and then employer-set projects/activities
- These flexibilities are to be **used by exception**, when in-person or blended placements cannot be secured or placements fall through.

Completion over the summer period

- Students can complete their placement over the summer, or by 10 October following completion of their T Level programme, if they want to. This date is the final cut-off point on the Manage T Level Results service for students to be guaranteed a T Level Certificate in November.

Next Steps

- We will be gathering feedback from you, your students and employers on the experience of the temporary flexibilities and we will be in touch soon about how we intend to do this.

Q&A



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