

Technical Education pathways to support Post-18 learners

This resource signposts education communities to resources and organisations who can help clarify technical education pathways for Post-18 learners.

This will support you in achieving the following Good Career Guidance Benchmarks:

- Benchmark 3: Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Benchmark 7: Encounters with further and higher education

All pupils should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace, including seeking [employment](#) at [Post-18](#).



Apprenticeships

- An apprenticeship is a paid job combining work experience with training for a specific career, giving young people full employee rights from the start.
- Apprenticeships vary from entry levels such as new foundation apprenticeships, which provide young residents with insights into a number of occupations, through to intermediate, advanced, higher and degree apprenticeships.
- [#apprenticeReady](#) helps young people access apprenticeships by enabling them to independently find information, including a great introductory [slide deck](#), and lots of [helpful tips](#) on finding and applying for an apprenticeship and hearing from local apprentices.
- Educators and careers leaders can find all the information they need on [apprenticeships](#), including a slide deck [here](#).
- There are also lots of external organisations who will visit staff and learners to talk about apprenticeships and you can find a useful summary of these organisations [here](#).
- We know parents and carers are key influences so we have collated most recent information to support their understanding of apprenticeships [here](#).
- The [apprenticeReady Post-18 Toolkit](#) provides guidance for students exploring apprenticeships alongside other options, pulling together everything you need from national websites and organisations into one place to support learners wanting to keep their options of a full-time degree and an apprenticeship open.



Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are based on the same employer designed standards as apprenticeships.
- HTQs are largely classroom based, taught in FE colleges, universities, or independent training providers.
- They are a qualification, leading directly to highly skilled employment. HTQs are similar in concept to the second year of a T Level but for higher level occupations and can also be a pathway to progressing a degree at Level 6. This [slide deck](#) provides everything you need to share this pathway with your students.
- Find out where HTQs are offered here: [Higher technical qualifications \(HTQs\) | Skills for Careers](#) and here: [North East Institute Of Technology | Technical Training North East](#)