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## MEMBER UPDATE



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Dear member,

Since our last update on T Levels in May, there have been several developments on the progress and implementation of T Level qualifications in England. The Energy & Utility Skills policy team has reviewed and analysed these developments and outlined them below for you.

### **Employer engagement with T Levels**

Overall, employers welcomed the idea of T Level industry placements but couldn't commit until more information was released, according to the latest research by DfE on [Employer engagement and capacity](#). It also found that employers from the Construction and Engineering & Manufacturing routes didn't see the benefit of T Levels over other qualifications or apprenticeships. [Read our summary of the report here.](#)

### **Regulating T Levels**

Following a consultation earlier in the year, Ofqual have made some changes to how T Levels will be regulated. This includes dropping the proposal of a 'working towards grade' below a pass and now not requiring awarding organisations to issue certificates for the technical qualifications, just the overall T Level. [Read more here](#)

### **T Level legal challenge dropped by FAB**

The legal challenge launched by the Federation of Awarding Bodies (FAB) over the summer, was dropped last month after the DfE offered to 're-set the relationship' with awarding bodies. Fab had raised the prospect of a judicial review as it saw the timescales and engagement as unreasonable. [Read more here.](#)

### **T Level Tender**

The DfE have launched the bidding process for groups to win the right to develop and deliver the first three T Levels from September 2020, which will be in Construction, Digital and Education & Childcare. The tender will remain open until 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, with the contracts for the first three expected to be awarded in March 2019. [Read more here.](#)

### **Route panel Chair to meet with our ATEAG**

The chair for the Engineering & Manufacturing route panel, Dr Graham Honeyman CBE, is attending an upcoming Apprenticeship & Technical Advisory Group (ATEAG) meeting to discuss the skills challenges our members face and how T Levels can work best for our sector. The route panels are made up of industry members who will shape T Level content and panel members include representatives from our members EDF, Siemens and Wood plc. [Read more on route panel members here.](#)

Kind regards,

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