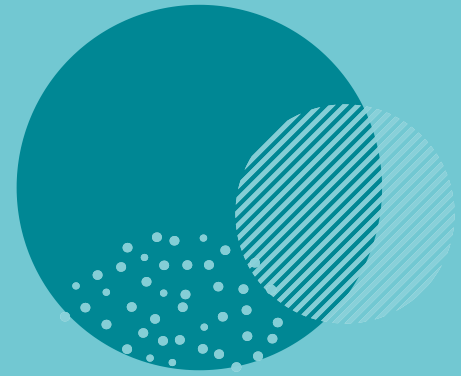


WHERE CAN A T LEVEL IN CONSTRUCTION: DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING TAKE ME?



Use this guide to get an idea of your possible next steps

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What next?

So you are studying a T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning and are thinking about your next steps.

There are a range of qualifications you could work towards after your T Level - depending on the grade you achieve and the kind of learning environment you're interested in - or you could decide to go straight into work or an apprenticeship. What you choose will depend on you, but this guide is designed to help you make an informed decision and consider all your options.

What are my options?

Higher education (HE)	go straight into studying at a higher level, either at university or a college – in this guide, we use 'provider' to mean university or college
Apprenticeship	combine working with studying to gain a higher-level qualification
Work	go into a line of work with Level 3 qualification entry requirements in the construction sector

UCAS Tariff Table

To help you understand the value of your T Level grade against other Level 3 qualifications

T Level Qualification grade	UCAS Tariff Points	A Level equivalent to tariff	BTEC Extended Diploma (RQF) equivalent to tariff
Distinction*	168	A*A*A*	D*D*D*
Distinction	144	AAA	DDD
Merit	120	BBB	DMM-DDM
Pass (C or higher on core)	96	CCC	MMM
Pass (D or E on the core)	72	DDD	MPP-MMP

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Higher education

Study beyond Level 3 could include different qualification options which we've outlined below. HE qualifications can be gained at universities as well as most colleges, who mainly offer foundation degrees, Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas.

Higher National Certificate Level 4 – One year

Possible courses could include:

- HNC Construction and the Built Environment
- HNC Architectural Design Technology
- HNC Construction Management

Higher National Diploma or Foundation Degree Level 5 – One or two years

Possible courses could include:

- HND Building Services Engineering (follow up to HNC)
- HND Architectural Technology
- HND Construction and the Built Environment

Undergraduate (Bachelor's) Degree (usually BSc or BA)

Level 6 – Typically three years, but may be longer if the course includes a placement year.

Possible courses could include:

- BSc Architectural Technology
- BSc Real Estate Management
- BA Urban and Environmental Planning
- BEng Civil Engineering
- BSc Building Surveying
- BSc Construction Management
- BN Learning Disabilities Nursing

You can use UCAS search to find a course and provider that is right for you. Most HNCs, HNDs and degrees will require an application via the UCAS undergraduate portal. For the vast majority of full time HE courses you will need to apply via UCAS. If you are interested in applying for a part time course you usually need to apply direct to the provider you want to go to. When you apply you will need to include a personal statement, explaining why you want to apply for the course as well as providing information about your T Level programme. Always be mindful of the entry requirements for different courses and check that your course (Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning) is accepted by the higher education provider. Some higher education providers will accept qualifications that are not directly related to the course, such as Business and Management.

Please always check directly with providers for the most up to date, accurate information on course options.

Tips on making choices

Picking what and where to study at a higher level

- Consider where you want to study in relation to where you live. Will you be commuting and if so what is the journey time like?
- If you are looking to move away to study consider accommodation and whether you'd like to live in halls of residence – if so there is often an early sign up process so check with individual institutions
- Choose the right course by researching modules and considering personal/academic interests. A course with the same title could be quite different at different places!
- Sort out your budget and apply for student finance as early as possible
- Attend as many **open days** as possible and ask students and staff questions about the institution, the course and the types of support you can expect



Remember...

When you come to write your **personal statement** make sure to emphasise the elements of your T Level that are relevant to the course you're applying for. Not many students will have had an industry placement like yours and you should highlight your Occupational Specialism too! It's all about connecting what you are doing now with what you want to be doing in the future.

Higher & degree apprenticeships

Higher and degree apprenticeships combine work with study and offer on-the-job training, a salary and an academic qualification on completion. Below are some examples to give you an idea of the kinds of apprenticeships that may be available in the field of construction.

- Site Supervisor Apprentice (HNC, Level 4) - £20k per annum
- Building Service Management Apprentice (HNC, Level 4) - £19k per annum
- Chartered Surveyor (degree with honours, Level 6) - £19k per annum
- Civil Engineering (degree with honours, Level 6) - £18.5k per annum

The salary ranges we have included are to give you a general idea but these will vary a lot and you should always check individual apprenticeship vacancies for specific details.

Start your search for apprenticeship opportunities using the government's '**find an apprenticeship**' service and **RateMyApprenticeship** for resources to help with the application process.

Remember...

When it comes to applying for an apprenticeship, it is a lot like applying for a job so you need to approach it in a similar way. Keep track of any application deadlines for roles you are interested in. Relate your experience, both academic and practical, gained during your T Level to the role you are applying for. The person reading your application may not know much about T Levels because they are so new, so explain how the industry placement and other aspects of the course have prepared you for the role.



Related careers

You may want to go straight into work after you finish your T Level, so below we've included a few careers which usually require a Level 3 qualification. Where relevant, we've included more senior roles in similar pathways which require a higher education qualification.

Straight after your T Level	After further study	After further study and work experience
Role/Career Architectural technician	Role/Career Architectural/building technologist	Role/Career Architect
Salary Starting: £18000 With experience: £40000	Salary Starting: £20,000 With experience: £60,000	Salary Starting: £27,500 With experience: £90,000
Brief description Architectural technicians work closely with architectural teams on the design process of building projects.	Brief description Architectural technologists manage all stages of the technical design and planning process of building projects.	Brief description Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.
Qualifications required Some places will hire you for a technician role if you only have a Level 3 qualification, but it will likely be a trainee or junior role, and not everywhere will do this. You can qualify as an architectural technician by doing a foundation degree or HND approved by the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists.	Qualifications required Usually, a degree approved by the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists is required.	Qualifications required A degree recognised by the Architects Registration Board (ARB), a year of practical work experience, a further 2 years' full-time university course (like BArch, Diploma, MArch), a year of practical training, and a final qualifying exam. Usually takes 7 years full time after finishing at Level 3.

Other roles you may want to look into include construction manager, consultant engineer, landscape architect, site engineer, and town planner. We used [Prospects](#) and the [National Careers Service](#) for these profiles. The salary ranges, qualifications and experience required are examples and you should always check specific details direct with the employer themselves.

Straight after your T Level

Role/Career
Technical surveyor/surveying technician

Salary
Starting: £18,000
With experience: £28,000

Brief description
Technical surveyors carry out tasks to support chartered surveyors, architects and engineers.

Qualifications required
Some places will hire you for a technician role if you only have a Level 3 qualification, but it will likely be a trainee or junior role, and not everywhere will do this. You may want to do a foundation degree or HND in civil engineering.

Straight after your T Level

Role/Career
Civil engineering technician

Salary
Starting: £19,000
With experience: £40,000

Brief description
Civil engineering technicians give technical support to engineers on construction projects.

Qualifications required
Entry without a degree is possible, but an HNC (L4) or HND (L5) in community and social work would be an advantage to broaden career development. Volunteering with local groups is a good way of obtaining practical experience within the community.

After further study

Role/Career
Building surveyor

Salary
Starting: £22,000
With experience: £70,000

Brief description
Building surveyors advise clients about the design, construction, maintenance and repair of buildings.

Qualifications required
You'll usually need a degree or professional qualification approved by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in a subject like: surveying, construction, civil engineering, or building engineering. To become a chartered surveyor, you need to take an additional qualification too.

After further study

Role/Career
Civil engineer

Salary
Starting: £24,000
With experience: £80,000

Brief description
Civil engineers design and manage construction projects, from bridges and buildings to transport links and sports stadiums. There are also lots of other kinds of engineers, such as aerospace, biomedical, chemical, and electrical.

Qualifications required
A 4-year degree is usually required to achieve a MEng, and this should be accredited by the JBM so you can go on to become a chartered engineer.

Resources



Higher education:

UCAS

UCAS has tons of resources to help guide you in your next educational steps. Creating an account on the UCAS Hub should be one of the first things you do. UCAS has a variety of subject guides that provide more information on different subject areas. The UCAS course search tool is also really helpful to see the range of courses out there at all the different higher education providers in the UK.

Search 'UCAS hub' or click:

www.ucas.com/dashboard

Search 'UCAS subject guides' or click:

www.ucas.com/explore/subjects

Search 'UCAS course search' or click:

digital.ucas.com/search

Unibuddy

A service which connects prospective students with university ambassadors (current students) and staff.

Search 'unibuddy' or click: unibuddy.com

The Student Room

You can access advice from prospective, current, and former students on this platform.

Search 'the student room' or click:

www.thestudentroom.co.uk

Apprenticeships:

Find an apprenticeship

The government's apprenticeship search tool is one of the best ways to find higher and degree level apprenticeships.

Search 'find an apprenticeship' or click:

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/

RateMyApprenticeship

RateMyApprenticeship also advertises apprenticeship vacancies and has lots of resources available to help you through the apprenticeship application process, as well as reviews from current apprentices.

Search 'ratemyapprenticeship' or click:

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/

Work:

Technicians Make It Happen

This campaign aims to demystify and shine a light on technician careers, many of which are in the engineering and construction sectors. They have lots of career profiles and advice about how to become a technician.

Search 'technicians make it happen' or click:

www.technicians.org.uk/

Tomorrow's Engineers

An organisation which aims to inspire more young people into engineering careers. There are lots of resources available on their website which provide more information about different routes into engineering as well as in depth explanations of the different elements of the engineering sector – you can find these under 'careers resources'.

Search 'tomorrow's engineers' or click:

www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk

Go Construct

Run by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), this website provides advice on different construction career paths.

Search 'go construct' or click:

www.goconstruct.org/

National Careers Service

This is a government service which can be helpful in providing an overview of entry requirements and routes into certain careers, including construction and engineering. There's lots of helpful info on writing your CV and finding job vacancies.

Search 'national careers service' or click:

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

