



# Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) for the Digital Sector



**76%** of businesses say a lack of digital skills would affect their profitability.\*

## HTQs are a sign of quality

HTQs have been developed by employers to provide the skills, knowledge, and behaviours you need in the digital sector. Futureproof your workforce, fill skills gaps and boost business productivity with HTQs.

You may already be familiar with HNCs, HNDs, foundation degrees and other level 4 and 5 qualifications. HTQs are those same qualifications but with a stamp of quality. Whether you're hiring HTQ graduates who are job-ready or upskilling your employees, HTQs are an investment in your business and your workforce.

## Digital HTQs are now available, preparing learners for work in the following occupations:



**Cyber Security Technologist**



**Network Engineer**



**Software Developer**



**Software Tester**



**Data Analyst**



**Business Analyst**



**Digital Accessibility Specialist**



**Digital Community Manager**

\*Exploring the digital skills gap, WorldSkills UK, 2021



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## Where do HTQs fit in?

HTQs are at level 4 or 5. They offer a great progression route for those who have completed a level 3 such as a T-Level or an Apprenticeship. HTQ graduates can either progress into work or further study like a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or an Undergraduate Degree.



For further information on HTQs and progression routes:

<https://occupational-maps.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>

## Where can I find an HTQ?

HTQs are delivered at Further Education Colleges, Universities, Institutes of Technology and Independent Training Providers, so contact your local provider or visit <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/higher-technical-qualifications> and start creating your skills pipeline today.

## How are HTQs funded?

Learners studying HTQs on both a full and a part-time basis may be eligible for HE student finance, including tuition fees and maintenance loans to cover the cost of study. As an employer you may wish to contribute to tuition fees, as an investment in your workforce or as part of a benefits package.

## What are other employers saying about HTQs?



*“One of the obstacles of getting into the cybersecurity profession is experience. People gain qualifications, but then hit the barrier of no experience. The HTQ is practically focused and as such should enable the candidates to develop practical skills alongside the formal qualification.”*

**Peter Loomes**, Head of Training,  
The IASME Consortium

*“We value practical, skills-based qualifications like the HTQ as they provide us with access to individuals who excel in their roles beyond just academic achievements. These qualifications truly align with what we look for in potential team members.”*

**Katie-Jo Gracie**, Regional Director, Jam Coding



## Want to find out more?

<https://find-employer-schemes.education.gov.uk/schemes/higher-technical-qualifications>