



The student's guide to Cambridge Technicals

What are Cambridge Technicals?

Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications that are designed to give you a work-focused alternative to A Levels.

They've been designed to give you opportunities to demonstrate and develop the practical application of knowledge and understanding in the areas of work that appeal to you. This will enable you to develop your research skills as you work, both independently and with colleagues, to progress through your qualifications.

The assessment for the qualifications is task-based, so you won't need to take exams to achieve Cambridge Technicals qualifications.

Who are they for?

Cambridge Technicals are suitable for students aged 16+ who are at school or college. They're available at Level 2 and Level 3*, so they can follow on from your GCSEs.

Why choose them?

If you prefer to learn in a way that's practical and work-related, then Cambridge Technicals are ideal. The great thing about them is that they keep your options open – so if you're not fully convinced that a vocational way of learning is right for you, Cambridge Technicals keep the door open for a move to higher education further down the line.

*Science not currently available at Level 3

What progression opportunities do Cambridge Technicals provide?

The great thing about them is that they still give you a choice of opportunities once you've completed them. The three choices open to you are:

Employment, where you can put your new practical skills towards generating an income

Further education, such as a higher-level qualification at school or college

Higher education, such as a degree course at university.

Access to higher education is possible if you take the Level 3 qualifications because they have UCAS points.

What subjects are available and how big are they?

They're available at Level 2 and Level 3* and you can choose from a range of subjects:

- Art and Design
- Business
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Media
- Performing Arts
- Science*
- Sport.

There are different sizes of qualification for each of these – the Level 2 qualifications have three sizes to choose from, and the Level 3 qualifications have five sizes to choose from. Here are the number of credits and guided learning hours, to give you a feel for the different sizes available:

		Credits	Guided learning hours
Level 2	Certificate	15	90
	Extended Certificate	30	180
	Diploma	60	360
Level 3	Certificate	30	180
	Introductory Diploma	60	360
	Subsidiary Diploma	90	540
	Diploma	120	720
	Extended Diploma	180	1,080

How to get going with Cambridge Technicals

To see which schools or colleges in your local area provide Cambridge Technicals, call our Customer Contact Centre on **02476 851509** and we'll be happy to help.

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