



All-Party Parliamentary
Group
For Youth Employment



The Impact Of Vocational Qualifications On Young People's Employability and Labour Market Outcomes

This inquiry will run between October 2021 - January 2022.

Deadline for submissions – 5:00pm on 3rd December 2021.

Please note submissions may be rejected if they do not meet the guidance set out below.

Chair: James Daly MP

Contact: Josh Adcock (josh@youthemployment.org.uk)

Context and focus of the inquiry

Following a series of consultations, the Department for Education has proposed the streamlining of post-16 qualifications by removing funding for some vocational and technical qualifications, including BTECs. T Levels, Apprenticeships and A Levels will be the main options for post-16 qualifications. Expert speakers will be invited to give witness on what this means for the future of the labour market.

This inquiry seeks to understand how the removal of funding for some vocational qualifications, including BTECs, will impact the choices available to young people and what that will mean for their employment prospects and outcomes.

Inquiry Questions

1. What impact will the removal of funding for some post-16 vocational qualifications have?
 - a. Which students will benefit from the changes?
 - b. Are there groups that you anticipate being left out/left behind?
 - c. Is there enough planned provision to support Level 1 and Level 2 learners?
 - d. Are there any fiscal implications of the impacts you anticipate?
 - e. Will employers be impacted? (for example; additional costs, hiring



- implications or skill gaps).
- f. Can the existing provisions for careers information, advice and guidance (CIAG) support the proposed changes?
2. Will the government's proposed ambition for T-Levels, Apprenticeships and A Levels post-16 support the needs of young people in the future economy?
 3. Will the government's proposed ambition for T-Levels, Apprenticeships and A Levels post-16 support the needs of employers in the future economy?
 4. What are the likely impacts on youth employment should these proposed changes take place?
 - a. Are there specific short term implications?
 - b. What are the long-term implications?

Submissions should be emailed to josh@youthemployment.org.uk by the 3rd December 2021, no later than 5:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT UK WILL RETURN ANY SUBMISSIONS THAT DO NOT ADHERE TO THE GUIDANCE FOR SUBMITTING EVIDENCE (see appendix).

Meeting Dates 2021-2022

26th October 2021 - external organisations will be invited to give evidence
23rd November 2021 - external organisations will be invited to give evidence
January 2022 TBC - a Minister will be invited to give evidence and receive a copy of the Inquiry Report.

Appendix - Guidance on giving evidence to an All-Party Parliamentary Group

If you have difficulty making a submission by email, wish to submit evidence in an alternative format such as an audio file, or would like to make a submission after the formal deadline for evidence, please contact the secretariat for the APPG for Youth Employment.

Guidelines

To successfully make a submission documents need to:

- Be less than 25 MB in size
- Be in Word (doc, docx, rtf, txt ooxml or odt format, **not PDF**)
- Contain as few logos or embedded pictures as possible
- Does not contain text boxes
- Contain no macros

www.appgyouthemployment.org

Chair – James Daly MP

Secretariat – Youth Employment UK CIC

josh@youthemployment.org.uk



- Comprise a single document. If there are any annexes or appendices, these should be included in the same document.

It also assists the APPG if those submitting evidence adhere to the following guidelines. Each submission should:

- State clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organisation, for example the submission could be headed 'Written evidence submitted by xxxxxx'
- Be concise – we recommend no more than 3,000 words in length, unless otherwise stated in the inquiry terms of reference
- Begin with an executive summary in bullet point form of the main points made in the submission
- Include a brief introduction about yourself/your organisation and your reason for submitting evidence
- Include any factual information you have to offer from which the APPG might be able to draw conclusions, or which could be put to other witnesses for their reactions
- Include any recommendations for action by the Government or others which you would like the APPG to consider.

Notes on making a submission

Those making a submission to an APPG inquiry should note the following:

- The APPG will publish most of the written evidence they receive (where it will be accessible to search engines).
- If you do not wish your submission to be published, you must clearly say so and explain your reasons for not wishing its disclosure. The APPG will take this into account in deciding whether to publish. If you wish to include private or confidential information in your submission to the APPG, please contact the secretariat of the APPG to discuss this.
- An APPG is not obliged to accept your submission as evidence, nor to publish any or all of the submission even if it has been accepted as evidence. This may occur where a submission is very long or contains material to which it is inappropriate to give to parliamentary candidates
- Material already published elsewhere should not form the basis of a submission, but may be referred to within a submission, in which case it should be clearly referenced, preferably with a hyperlink.
- You should be careful not to comment on matters currently before a court of

www.appgyouthemployment.org

Chair – James Daly MP

Secretariat – Youth Employment UK CIC

josh@youthemployment.org.uk



law, or matters in respect of which court proceedings are imminent. If you anticipate such issues arising, you should discuss with the secretariat of the APPG how this might affect your submission.

- Once submitted, no public use should be made of any submission prepared specifically for the APPG unless you have first obtained permission from the secretariat of the APPG. If you are given permission by the APPG to publish your evidence separately, you should be aware that you will be legally responsible for its content.
- APPG's do not normally investigate individual cases of complaint or allegations of maladministration.

www.appgyouthemployment.org

Chair – James Daly MP

Secretariat – Youth Employment UK CIC

josh@youthemployment.org.uk