



LICENSED AWARDING BODIES : as of 21st September 2026

Schools, Colleges & Independent Training Providers seeking national accreditation through the **Quality in Careers Standard** - the single national CEIAG quality award - are uniquely assessed by occupationally competent Careers Education & Guidance professional external assessors from our **Licensed Awarding Bodies**.

All of our Awarding Bodies have met our Quality in Careers national licensing criteria. Whilst some are linked to a particular geographic area, some are available regionally, and most are now offering their services nationally – these are shown below as *nationally available**.

Across the country, we currently have over 100 occupationally-qualified Careers Education & Guidance assessors within our Awarding Bodies - there is no other assessment force of its kind, dedicated to the accreditation of the highest quality careers provision.

Our advice to help you with your first steps:

- We encourage you to start the *journey of improvement* today by contacting one or more of our Awarding Bodies to discuss their distinctive approach to the Quality in Careers journey. Getting Started with the Standard – advice for schools, colleges and other learning providers ([qualityincareers.org.uk](https://www.qualityincareers.org.uk))
- These direct contacts will also answer your questions about their costs/prices, enabling you to compare and contrast each Awarding Body's approach.

So, just like you're accustomed to choosing between Awarding Bodies for educational qualifications (GCSE et al), so too – when embarking upon the Quality in Careers development journey – it's your choice as to which of our Awarding Bodies you choose to work with.

Then, having chosen the Awarding Body to work with, you can make the 'commitment' and begin 'working towards' the **Quality in Careers Standard**.

You might also wish initially to contact the Quality in Careers Director via the *Get In Touch* form <https://www.qualityincareers.org.uk/get-in-touch/> on our website. If you should encounter any problems at all, please do contact the Quality in Careers Director.

The **Awarding Bodies** now licensed to assess, accredit and award the national Quality in Careers Standard are shown in alphabetical order below.
You can also 'meet' all of our Awarding Bodies on our [Virtual Event](#) here on our website.

1. **Career Connect:** currently available across Greater Merseyside, the North-West Region - and offering to work with schools and colleges in other regions
 - kath.wyke@careerconnect.org.uk
 - www.careerconnect.org.uk
2. **CareerWave:** currently *nationally available** in England
 - tracy@careerwave.co.uk (Tracy Walters)
 - www.careerwave.co.uk
3. **Career Seekers Direct:** currently *nationally available** in England
 - supportingyou@careerseekersdirect.co.uk (Glenn Robinson)
 - <https://www.careerseekersdirect.co.uk/quality-in-careers-standard>
4. **Complete Careers LLP :** currently *nationally available** in England, the Channel Islands and working with International Schools overseas
 - jenny.beaumont@complete-careers.com
 - www.careermark.co.uk
5. **Education Development Trust:** currently *nationally available** in England
 - rjaswal@edt.org (Renu Jaswal)
 - www.edt.org
 - <https://www.edt.org/united-kingdom/programmes/inspiring-careers-programme/>
6. **Investor in Careers Ltd:** currently *nationally available** in England, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and working with International Schools overseas
 - info@investorincareers.com (Samantha Ansell)
 - www.investorincareers.com
7. **Ixion (part of the Shaw Trust group):** currently *nationally available** in England and Northern Ireland
 - Jim.asbury@shaw-trust.org.uk
 - [Quality Award - Welcome \(shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk\)](http://QualityAward-Welcome(shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk))
8. **Staffordshire County Council:** currently available in the East & West Midlands, the North-West and offering to work with schools and colleges in other regions
 - alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk
 - [Stoke on Trent College awarded Quality in Careers Standard for outstanding Careers commitment - Staffordshire Living](#)