



LICENSED AWARDING BODIES  
As of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Schools, Colleges & Work-Based Learning 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**.

The Awarding Bodies which are authorised by the Quality in Careers Consortium to assess and accredit learning providers are listed below. All of our Awarding Bodies have met our Quality in Careers national licensing criteria. Whilst some are linked to a particular geographic area, you'll see that many are available regionally. Those which are currently available nationally are shown 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 \(qualityincareers.org.uk\)](#)
- These direct contacts will also answer your questions about their costs/prices, enabling you to compare and contrast each Awarding Body's approach to the journey

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 Licensed Awarding Bodies you choose. 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, Paul Chubb 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.

Details of the **Licensed Awarding Bodies authorised to assess, accredit and award the national Quality in Careers Standard** (and the geographic areas they cover) are shown in alphabetical order below.

Those which are currently available across the country are shown as *nationally available\**

**1. Cambridgeshire County Council – “Investing in Quality”:** available across Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area

- [janet.harris@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:janet.harris@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**2. Career Connect:** currently available across Greater Merseyside and the North-West Region (and offering to work with schools and colleges in other regions)

- [diane.sproson@careersconnect.org.uk](mailto:diane.sproson@careersconnect.org.uk)
- [www.careerconnect.org.uk](http://www.careerconnect.org.uk)

**3. Complete Careers LLP - “Career Mark”:** *nationally available\** throughout England and the Channel Islands

- [john.ambrose@complete-careers.com](mailto:john.ambrose@complete-careers.com)
- [janet.hutchinson@complete-careers.com](mailto:janet.hutchinson@complete-careers.com)
- [www.careermark.co.uk](http://www.careermark.co.uk)

**4. C + K Careers:** available across Calderdale, Kirklees and other areas within the Yorkshire & the Humber and the North-East Regions, and in parts of the North West

- [Kathryn.Lea-Williams@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:Kathryn.Lea-Williams@ckcareers.org.uk)
- [C+K Careers | Quality in Careers Standard](#)

**5. CSW Group – “Investor in Careers”:** *nationally available\** in most parts of England, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands

- [investorincareers@cswgroup.co.uk](mailto:investorincareers@cswgroup.co.uk)
- [steph.moore@cswgroup.co.uk](mailto:steph.moore@cswgroup.co.uk)
- [www.investorincareers.org.uk](http://www.investorincareers.org.uk)

**6. Education Development Trust:** initial licence granted 2020 to assess and accredit in the North-East Region of England only (geographic coverage to be reviewed in July 2021)

- [rjaswal@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:rjaswal@educationdevelopmenttrust.com)
- [www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com](http://www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com)

**7. Entrust Education Ltd:** available in the East & West Midlands and the North West

- [www.entrust-ed.co.uk](http://www.entrust-ed.co.uk)
- [shaun.riley@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:shaun.riley@entrust-ed.co.uk)
- [alex.kenneth@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:alex.kenneth@entrust-ed.co.uk)

**8. Humber LEP novating on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to Hull & East Yorkshire LEP:** available in the Humber sub-region of Yorkshire & the Humber

- [t.chalmers@humberlep.org](mailto:t.chalmers@humberlep.org)
- <https://www.humberlep.org/skills/quality-in-careers-standard/quality-in-careers-standard-1/>

**9. Ixion (part of the Shaw Trust group) {formerly Prospects Services}: nationally available\*** in most parts of England and Northern Ireland

- [michele.squire@ixionholdings.com](mailto:michele.squire@ixionholdings.com)
- [www.shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk](http://www.shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk)

**10. Positive Steps Ltd (on behalf of the Greater Manchester Local Authorities - "Inspiring IAG"):** nationally available\* in most parts of England

- [inspiringiaq@positive-steps.org.uk](mailto:inspiringiaq@positive-steps.org.uk)
- <https://www.positive-steps.org.uk/positive-steps-extra/inspiring-iaq>

**11. Stoke on Trent City Council:** available across Stoke on Trent and adjoining area

- [kelly.meir@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.meir@stoke.gov.uk)
- [paul.chambers@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:paul.chambers@stoke.gov.uk)

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