



# The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

## LICENSED AWARDING BODIES

As of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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.

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 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, 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.

The Licensed Awarding Bodies currently 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 working across the country are shown as nationally available\*.

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

- [kath.wyke@careerconnect.org.uk](mailto:kath.wyke@careerconnect.org.uk)
- [www.careerconnect.org.uk](http://www.careerconnect.org.uk)

**2. Career Seekers Direct:** currently available in the West Midlands region and offering to work with schools and colleges in other regions

- [enquiries@careerseekersdirect.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@careerseekersdirect.co.uk)
- [eva@careerseekersdirect.co.uk](mailto:eva@careerseekersdirect.co.uk)
- <https://www.careerseekersdirect.co.uk/quality-in-careers-standard>

**3. Complete Careers LLP - "Career Mark":** nationally available\* throughout England, the Channel Islands and working with International Schools overseas

- [jenny.beaumont@complete-careers.com](mailto:jenny.beaumont@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, as well as in parts of the North-West

- [katie.copson@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:katie.copson@ckcareers.org.uk)
- [lindsey.woodward@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:lindsey.woodward@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)
- [Investor in Careers - CSW Group Ltd.](#)

**6. Education Development Trust:** nationally available\* in many parts of England

- [rjaswal@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:rjaswal@educationdevelopmenttrust.com)
- <https://www.edt.org/united-kingdom/programmes/inspiring-careers-programme/>

**7. Hull & East Yorkshire LEP** [formerly Humber LEP]: available in the Humber sub-region of Yorkshire & the Humber

- [f.headridge@heylep.com](mailto:f.headridge@heylep.com)
- <https://heylep.com/employment-skills/quality-in-careers-standard/>

**8. 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)
- [Quality Award - Welcome \(shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk\)](https://www.shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk)

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

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

**10. Staffordshire County Council:** available in the East & West Midlands and the North-West

- [alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk)

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