



The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

LICENSED AWARDING BODIES

As of 24th October 2023

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. 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 authorised to assess, accredit and award the national Quality in Careers Standard (and the geographic areas they cover) in 2023 are shown in alphabetical order below. Those working across the country are shown as nationally available*

1. Cambridgeshire County Council – “Investing in Quality”: available across Cambridgeshire and the surrounding East of England area – *but ceasing as an Awarding Body soon so not taking on any further schools or colleges*

- 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
- www.careerconnect.org.uk

3. Career Seekers Direct: available in the West Midlands region only (*under an initial licence granted in September 2021 – to be reviewed in 2023*)

- enquiries@careerseekersdirect.co.uk
- eva@careerseekersdirect.co.uk
- <https://www.careerseekersdirect.co.uk/quality-in-careers-standard>

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

- john.ambrose@complete-careers.com
- janet.hutchinson@complete-careers.com
- www.careermark.co.uk

5. 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

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

6. 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
- [Investor in Careers - CSW Group Ltd.](#)

7. Education Development Trust: nationally available* in many parts of England (after its initial licence granted in 2020 to assess and accredit in the North-East Region of England only, the Consortium granted a national licence to EDT with effect from July 2021)

- riaswal@educationdevelopmenttrust.com
- <https://www.edt.org/united-kingdom/programmes/inspiring-careers-programme/>

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

- f.headridge@heylep.com
- <https://heylep.com/employment-skills/quality-in-careers-standard/>

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
- [Quality Award - Welcome \(shawtrustsqualityincareers.co.uk\)](http://Quality Award - Welcome (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
- <https://www.positive-steps.org.uk/positive-steps-extra/inspiring-iaq>

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

- alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk

