



# The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

## LICENSED AWARDING BODIES

As of 13<sup>th</sup> September 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.

As of September 2024 the **Licensed Awarding Bodies now 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 available to work with schools and colleges in other regions

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

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

- [jenny.beaumont@complete-careers.com](mailto:jenny.beaumont@complete-careers.com)
- [www.careermark.co.uk](http://www.careermark.co.uk)

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

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

**5. Investor in Careers Ltd:** currently *nationally available\** in many parts of England, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands

- [info@investorincareers.com](mailto:info@investorincareers.com) (Samantha Ansell)
- [www.investorincareers.com](http://www.investorincareers.com)

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

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

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

- [alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alexandra.kenneth1@staffordshire.gov.uk)
- *www (to be added)*

*{8. The Awarding Body serving the **Hull & East Yorkshire** sub-region has suspended its operations pending the establishment of the Hull & East Yorkshire Combined Authority which it's hoped will recommence working as an Awarding Body with schools and colleges in the Combined Authority's area in the future. This page will be updated as soon as this is confirmed}*