



techskills

a techUK company

More than **accreditation**. Designed by **industry**. Supported by **employers**. Powered by **techUK**.

About Us



techskills is the accreditation body for **Tech Industry Gold**



Tech Industry Gold is the **only employer led** accreditation for digital skills



A **not-for-profit organisation**, we connect employers with education providers to address the **UK's digital skills needs**



A **techUK** company, the trade association for the tech industry



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More than accreditation

Accreditation that opens doors



An accreditation is an **official seal of approval** defined by employer panels, facilitated by an established **industry body**.



Tech Industry Gold is more than accreditation. It is a **transformational partnership** between education and industry, preparing learners for what's coming next.



techskills is recognised as a **Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB)** for the accreditation of degrees.



Tech Industry Gold: Designed by industry

Tech Industry Gold sets itself apart by offering a **holistic** learning experience underpinned by **four key categories** of skills.

These **core criteria** are developed in **collaboration** with **industry** to ensure learners acquire the comprehensive skillset needed to thrive.

Equipping learners for success - designed by industry:



Business: Understanding the business context around digital systems and the value they deliver to stakeholders, including risk management and information security.



Technology: Building technical foundations in aspects such as systems analysis, software development, data management and more.



Project: Applying modern project management methodologies to achieve organisational goals.



Professional: Cultivating essential professional skills like communication, teamwork and problem solving.

Tech Industry Gold: Supported by Employers



Our **employer network** provides learners with **exclusive enrichment opportunities**—from mentoring and guest lectures to real-world projects and networking events. This direct connection to industry gives learners insights, experiences, and skills they **won't find elsewhere**.



techskills Learner Platform: Learners join a vibrant community and access a dynamic learner platform rich with cutting edge content. **Tech Industry Gold** plugs your learners into a unique, employer-driven ecosystem that sets them up for success.



Stackable credentials: with the use of AI screening and blind recruitment on the rise, standing out is everything. A CV may open a door but won't always get you noticed. **Tech Industry Gold digital credentials** instantly showcase verified skills and achievements in a way that's impossible to ignore.

Tech Industry Gold: Powered by techUK

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FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

techskills is part of **techUK**, the UK's leading tech **trade association**, bringing together over 1,000 companies that are shaping the digital economy. Being powered by **techUK** gives our learning providers a unique link to the wider tech community and the issues that matter most to industry.



Part of something bigger:

As a Tech Industry Gold provider, you're connected to a national network of forward-thinking tech organisations—working together to build a stronger, more inclusive digital future.



Shaped by industry insight:

With close links to techUK's member community, our accreditations reflect the real-world needs and future priorities of employers in the sector.



Room to connect and collaborate:

Being part of the techUK family opens the door to opportunities, whether that's sharing ideas, exploring partnerships, or helping learners build industry awareness.



techskills at a glance



4670

active Tech Industry
Gold learners

69

 accredited
programmes

across our Tech Industry
Gold providers



84%

of Tech Industry Gold
graduates get **1st or 2:1**
(compared to 76% for computing
overall)



Apprenticeship Programmes

L3 Digital Support Technician
L3 Information Communication
Technician
L4 Data Analyst
L4 Software Developer
L6 Cyber Security Technical Professional
L6 Data Scientist
L6 Digital and Technology Solutions
Professional
L6 Digital User Experience Professional
L7 Digital and Technology Solutions
Specialist

86%

of Tech Industry Gold
Degree learners are in **paid
employment** 15 months after
graduating
(compared to 76% of computing grads
overall)



Degree Programmes

L6 IT Management for Business
L6 Software Engineering for Business
L7 FinTech
L7 Health Informatics
L7 Health Data Science

Training Programmes

L3 Software Development
L4 Software Development
L6 Business Analysis
L6 Business Intelligence
L6 Project Management Office
L6 Risk, Regulation & Compliance
L6 Robotic Process Automation
L6 Software Development
L6 Software Testing
L6 TechOps



92%

of Tech Industry Gold
Degree Apprentices get a
1st or 2:1

Career Returners

L7 Project Management Office Advanced
L7 Solutions Delivery Advanced

techskills at a glance

37+

accredited
learning
providers



Anglia Ruskin University - Cambridge
Anglia Ruskin University - Peterborough
Apprentify
Aston University
Blackpool and The Fylde College
Brunel University London
Buckinghamshire New University
City, University of London
FDM Group Plc
Gloucestershire College
Henley Business School
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Northeastern University
Northumbria University
QA Apprenticeships

Queen Mary, University of London
Swansea University
Teesside University
The Open University
University of Birmingham
University of Bolton
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Chichester
University of East London
University of Exeter
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Salford
University of Staffordshire
University of Suffolk
University of West London
University of Winchester



532

organisations within
the Employer Network

25

sectors across the
Employer Network

Emergency services

Financial services Real estate

Agriculture Food and drink

Professional services

Energy

Retail

Media

Aerospace Travel

Justice Education

Biotech Recruitment

Manufacturing and engineering

Telecommunications

Climate and sustainability

Defence and national security

Health and social care

Public sector

Local government

ICT

Diverse leadership and industry representation

techskills boasts a **diverse board** comprised of **28 members** hailing from a multitude of industries, ranging from large corporations to SMEs.

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BT Group

CAPULA



HAYS



Sage



Lead. Inspire. Impact.

Be part of a movement that's redefining digital education and building a stronger, industry-ready tech workforce.

The **techskills Employer Network** is a collective of leading organisations working together to ensure the next generation of tech talent is **industry-ready, skilled, and diverse**.

Why get involved?



Influence industry standards

Help shape Tech Industry Gold accreditation and ensure learners have the right skills to thrive in the workplace.



Enrich learning and recruitment pipelines

Engage with learners through insight talks and mentoring, building connections with future talent.



Strengthen your employer brand

Position your organisation as a leader in digital skills development, enhancing your reputation among peers and policymakers.



Contribute to CSR and skills development

Support the wider tech ecosystem by giving back in a way that aligns with your business values and corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals.

Your leadership makes a difference

Whether you can offer an hour or ongoing support, there's a way to participate that fits your time, values, and priorities.

- Sit on accreditation panels to shape Tech Industry Gold programmes
- Deliver insight talks to inspire learners
- Contribute real-world challenges for learners to solve
- Offer opportunities to build early talent pipelines
- Support Tech Industry Gold events and community initiatives

Join the **techskills Employer Network** today.



The Power of Digital Credentials

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Each credential includes verified details:

- Credential name
- Issuer
- Metadata
- Skills demonstrated
- Earning criteria
- Date issued



Every **Tech Industry Gold** digital credential is backed by the **Ethereum Blockchain**, giving recipients complete confidence that achievements are real, secure, and trusted. Blockchain acts like a permanent digital record, helping to protect the integrity of every credential issued.



Boost visibility and confidence:

Digital credentials are eye catching and shareable. They help learners stand out in blind recruitment processes and demonstrate their real-world skills.



Share anywhere, anytime:

Learners can showcase their achievements on LinkedIn, CVs, personal websites, or digital portfolios, building a strong personal brand.



Prove skills with credibility:

Each credential is verified and comes with clear evidence of what the learner has achieved and how. Employers can see the specific skills earned, making it easier for them to identify talent.

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Digital Credentials Explained

Digital credentials give learners an edge, providing verifiable proof of the skills employers are actively looking for.

Each credential includes verified details like the issuing organisation, the skills demonstrated, how they were earned, and when they were awarded.

They go beyond a line on a CV—they're proof you're job ready.

Membership Credential



This credential is your badge of recognition as an active Tech Industry Gold learner, granted while you're on a Tech Industry Gold-accredited programme.

Skills Credential



Earned by demonstrating specific skills or passing assessments, proving your specialised expertise.

Achievement Credential



Gained through participation in Tech Industry Gold experiences and competitions, highlighting your extracurricular excellence.

Completion Credential



Awarded upon successfully completing your Tech Industry Gold qualification, this credential certifies your industry-relevant skills.

Share anywhere, anytime:



Beyond the Badge: What accreditation means to our providers

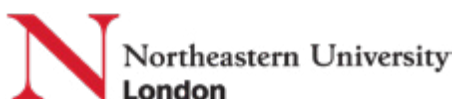


"Tech Industry Gold accreditation is invaluable to us as an organisation.

It is a clear signifier of how our apprenticeships are employer-led and intentionally designed to meet current industry needs.

As Northeastern University London continues to realise ambitious growth plans for its apprenticeships, meeting the skills needs of the rapidly expanding and evolving tech sector, we are proud to do so in partnership with techskills and remain sincerely grateful for the community and thought leadership it provides."

Prof. Scott Wildman,
Dean of Northeastern University London



"As a curriculum manager for apprenticeships in the Department of Digital and Creative Innovation, based in the vibrant educational landscape of Blackpool, I am continually inspired by our collaboration with Tech Industry Gold and techskills.

This partnership is not merely a bridge between industry and academia; it is a robust conduit through which the dynamic pulse of real-world technology sectors flows directly into our classrooms.

Through this symbiotic relationship, we can offer our learners a curriculum that is not only current but also richly informed by the challenges and innovations of today's tech landscape.

Our alliance with Tech Industry Gold and techskills enables us to equip our students with the skills, insight, and practical experiences they need to excel in their future careers.

It's a partnership that doesn't just prepare learners for the jobs of tomorrow; it actively involves them in shaping the future of the digital and creative sectors.

We are proud to be at the forefront of this educational evolution, fostering a generation of learners who are as adaptable and forward-thinking as the industry demands. Together, we are not just responding to the needs of the technology sector; we are anticipating them, ensuring that our learners are not just participants in the digital world but pioneers of its continued innovation."

Dr Colette Mazzola-Randles,
Curriculum Manager (Apprenticeships)
Blackpool School of Computing



When I started my **Level 7 Digital and Technology Solutions Apprenticeship** at **Brunel University of London**, I had no idea just how far it would take me. This apprenticeship programme—accredited by **Tech Industry Gold**—gave me the technical skills I needed to progress, and so much more.

I began as a data analyst at the **NHS**, and within a year, I was promoted. I started leading data projects, managing staff, and developing a complex predictive model for mental health workforce planning that's helping shape decisions across the organisation.

What made the biggest difference was how much I grew in confidence. My communication and leadership skills developed far beyond what I expected. I now work closely with stakeholders and lead complex projects with ease.

The support from Brunel University was incredible—my lecturers and mentors created a strong sense of community and helped me balance work, study, and life. I've come out of this apprenticeship with real-world skills and a clear path forward.

I never imagined that I would go from analysing data, to leading teams and developing complex predictive models in such a short amount of time.

If you're looking to grow your career in tech, I can't recommend a **Tech Industry Gold** programme enough. I encourage anyone considering an apprenticeship to that first step. It's been genuinely transformative for me.

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Alexandra Farkas

People Digital - Workforce Modelling Specialist,
Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board





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