This roadmap is to help businesses understand the education & training options available to them in the North East region. (Counties Cavan, Monaghan and Louth) and to provide information on where to go for upskilling and reskilling staff and finding employees with a particular skillset. We want to help you to develop and find the skills you need in your organisation.

**LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!**

**WHAT IS FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (FET) AND HIGHER EDUCATION (HE)?**
Further Education & Training covers education and training which occurs after second level schooling. It is not part of the third level system.

Higher Education (Third Level Education) covers education at Universities, Institutes of Technology and Education Colleges.

**WHAT IS AN EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD (ETB)?**
ETBs are responsible for the delivery of Further Education and Training programmes throughout Ireland. ETBs manage Further Education Colleges (PLC Colleges) and Training Centres.

**GOOD TO KNOW**
This Education & Training roadmap has been developed for businesses by Regional Skills North East, a skills development initiative for Counties Cavan, Monaghan and Louth. Regional Skills North East is part of a national skills development programme funded by the Department of Education & Skills as part of the National Skills Strategy.

Further information on the initiative is available at [www.regionalskills.ie](http://www.regionalskills.ie)
What’s Available...

**FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING**

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATION LEVELS IN IRELAND?

Education qualifications in Ireland have 10 levels (these 10 levels are called the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)). Major awards are the main class of award made at a level in the NFQ. Examples of major awards include the Leaving Certificate, Honours Bachelor Degree etc. The major awards in the NFQ are as follows:

- Level 5 Certificate/Leaving Certificate
- Level 4 Certificate/Leaving Certificate
- Level 3 Certificate/Junior Certificate
- Level 2 Certificate
- Level 1 Certificate

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**FUTURE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

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