

LEVEL 4 APPRENTICESHIP · ST1512 · 8-MONTH FAST-TRACK

# 8-Month *Fast-Track* AI & Automation.

The **accelerated route** through the AI & Automation Practitioner Level 4 (ST1512). Same standard, same £18,000 Levy funding, same BCS End-Point Assessment — delivered as a **private closed cohort across 8 months**, with the work-based project assessed by BCS at the two-thirds point.

**8<sub>mo</sub>**

Fast-track delivery  
closed cohort

**3-5**

Qualifications  
included free

**100%**

Apprenticeship  
Levy funded

**4.9★**

689+ verified  
reviews

- ★ All 12 ST1512 modules** — condensed into an intensive 8-month window
- M Microsoft AB-730 AI Business Professional** (or Google AI Essentials)
- P Work-based project assessed at month 5** — the two-thirds point

- B BCS Foundation Certificate in AI** — Chartered Institute for IT
- N NCFE Level 3 AI Prompt Mastery** — TESS exclusive
- AI Coachy AI tutor** — 24/7, included free

★ BOOK A DISCOVERY CALL

**Get your team AI-fluent in 8 months.**

30 minutes to scope your closed cohort. 100% Levy-funded, no out-of-pocket cost.



SAME STANDARD, ACCELERATED

# All 12 modules. *In 8 months.*



The fast-track runs as a **private closed cohort for your team**. All 12 ST1512 modules are delivered across an intensive 8-month window at roughly one and a half modules a month, with the BCS work-based project submitted at the two-thirds point. Same standard, same £18,000 Levy funding, same BCS End-Point Assessment — just faster.

THE FULL ST1512 CURRICULUM

## 12 AI & Automation modules, condensed

DELIVERED ACROSS 8 MONTHS · ONE PRIVATE CLOSED COHORT

01 M00 · Onboarding & AI Diagnostic

02 M01 · AI Foundations

03 M02 · Process Discovery

04 M03 · Workflow Automation

05 M04 · Agentic AI

06 M05 · AI Integration & Assurance

07 M06 · Data, Decisions & Data Law

08 M07 · Designing Responsible AI

09 M08 · Pilot, Test & Assure ★ BCS project

10 M09 · Leading AI Adoption

11 M10 · AI Strategy, Scaling & Value

12 M11 · Applied AI Mastery

**PLUS** BCS Foundation Certificate · Microsoft AB-730 · NCFE Level 3 AI Prompt · Coachy AI tutor

### Why choose the fast-track over the standard 15-month route

**01 AI-fluent in 8 months** — your whole cohort capable by the end of the year, not the next.

**02 Private closed cohort** — tailored to your team, your tools and your workflows.

**03 BCS project assessed at month 5** — learners reach EPA with it already done.

**04 Coachy AI tutor 24/7** — keeps the compressed pace manageable.


**05 Same £18,000 Levy funding** — no out-of-pocket cost, no separate standard.

**06 72% distinction rate** — the pace doesn't cost results.

THE STACK

# Up to five qualifications. *All included free.*

The apprenticeship is the **ST1512 AI & Automation Practitioner Level 4** standard. On top, TESS includes a curated stack of qualifications — all **complimentary**. No extra cost. No separate enrolments. No add-on fees.



★ FLAGSHIP · INCLUDED FREE

## BCS Foundation Certificate in AI

The **chartered industry credential for AI**, from BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT — the same body that runs the ST1512 End-Point Assessment. Foundation-level AI literacy across machine learning, ethics and responsible use. Chartered, portable, lifetime — stays on the CV.

Chartered

Foundation · Formally assessed

BCS · Chartered Institute for IT

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COMPLIMENTARY

### NCFE Level 3 CQ in AI Prompt Mastery

Bespoke TESS qualification. Master prompt engineering across **ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Gemini and Claude**. Apply prompts to forecasting, supply-chain analysis, board reporting and operational decisions.

Level 3 CQ

TESS exclusive

 Copilot


COMPLIMENTARY

### Microsoft AB-730 AI Business Professional

Microsoft's globally recognised credential. Demonstrates proficiency in **Copilot, generative AI tools and enterprise AI adoption**. The badge that travels with your operations leader on LinkedIn and into every boardroom.

Professional

AB-730

 BCS


HIGH ACHIEVERS

### BCS Foundation Certificate in AI

For top-performing learners. Covers AI ethics, governance, responsible deployment and generative AI — SFIA 3-4 equivalent. Doubles as End Point Assessment preparation.

Foundation

Stretch goal



PLUS · INCLUDED FREE WITH EVERY LEARNER

## Coachy — your AI tutor, 24/7.

Built on Claude. Scoped to the ST1512 standard, EPA-safe by design. Ask questions about AI agents, automation tools, your work-based project or EPA prep — any time, mobile or desktop. Essential support for the compressed 8-month pace.

MONTH BY MONTH

# Eight months. *One clear path.*

Roughly one and a half modules a month, with the BCS work-based project submitted at month 5 — the two-thirds point. Learners reach the End-Point Assessment with the project already assessed.

<p><b>MONTHS 1-2</b> BUILD</p> <p><b>Foundations &amp; first automations</b></p> <p><i>Onboarding, AI foundations, process discovery</i></p> <p><b>M00-M01</b> · Onboarding &amp; AI Foundations</p> <p><b>M02-M03</b> · Discovery &amp; Workflow Automation</p>	<p><b>MONTHS 3-4</b> AGENTS</p> <p><b>Build &amp; assure AI agents</b></p> <p><i>Agentic AI, integration, data law</i></p> <p><b>M04-M05</b> · Agentic AI &amp; Integration</p> <p><b>M06-M07</b> · Data Law &amp; Responsible AI</p>	<p><b>MONTH 5</b> ASSESS <b>★ BCS</b></p> <p><b>Project submitted to BCS</b></p> <p><i>Pilot &amp; the work-based project</i></p> <p><b>M08</b> · Pilot, Test &amp; Assure</p> <p><b>BCS</b> · Work-based project assessed</p>	<p><b>MONTHS 6-8</b> LEAD</p> <p><b>Scale, lead &amp; master</b></p> <p><i>Adoption, strategy, capstone &amp; Gateway</i></p> <p><b>M09-M10</b> · Adoption &amp; AI Strategy</p> <p><b>M11</b> · Applied AI Mastery + Gateway</p>
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AI & AUTOMATION CURRICULUM

# All 12 AI modules. *ST1512 standard.*

The official **ST1512 AI & Automation Practitioner Level 4** curriculum — all 12 KSB-aligned modules, delivered across the intensive **8-month fast-track window** as a private closed cohort.

00 Onboarding & AI Diagnostic	01 AI Foundations	02 Process Discovery	03 Workflow Automation
04 Agentic AI	05 AI Integration & Assurance	06 Data, Decisions & Data Law	07 Designing Responsible AI
08 Pilot, Test & Assure	09 Leading AI Adoption	10 AI Strategy, Scaling & Value	11 Applied AI Mastery

**COACHY — INCLUDED FREE**

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**1**

### Named Skills Coach

Fortnightly 1:1 mentoring across the 8 months.

**2**

### OneFile Portfolio

Evidence collection & gateway readiness.

**3**

### Peer Cohort

Group learning + EPA prep tutors.

**4**

### Live Workshops

Zoom or Teams · monthly intakes.

**77%**

Faster workflow cycle times via AI

**15%**

Operating cost reduction

**35%**

Forecast accuracy improvement

**72%**

Distinction-grade rate at EPA

— STANDARD VS FAST-TRACK

# Same standard. *Half the time.*

The fast-track delivers the full ST1512 AI & Automation apprenticeship as a private closed cohort in 8 months instead of 15 — same £18,000 Levy funding, same BCS End-Point Assessment, same qualifications.

What you get	TESS 8 - Month Fast-Track L4	Standard 15 - month route	Typical AI provider
Full ST1512 AI & Automation curriculum (12 modules)	✓	✓	Partial
Delivered in 8 months (vs 15)	✓	✗	✗
Private closed cohort, tailored to your team	✓	Partial	✗
BCS project assessed at month 5	✓	✗	✗
Microsoft AB-730 + NCFE L3 AI Prompt	✓	✗	✗
Coachy AI tutor — 24/7, free	✓	✗	✗
100% Levy-funded	✓	✓	✓

FUNDING BAND

# £18,000

100% drawn from the Apprenticeship Levy.  
SMEs: 95-100% government co-investment.

- ✓ **Levy payers:** £0 out-of-pocket. Cost drawn from your monthly Levy.
- ✓ **SMEs (under £3M wage bill):** 95-100% DfE co-investment.
- ✓ **All qualifications complimentary** — BCS Foundation + NCFE L3 + Microsoft AB-730.
- ✓ **Same standard, same funding** — the fast-track is a delivery choice, not a separate cost.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

## Book a 25-min Teams chat with TESS.

No obligation. We'll walk you through how the fast-track works for your team, your sector and your Levy.

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SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE  
*Book in 30 seconds*