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Licensed Higher Nationals: Fees 2023/24



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Level 4 and 5 Higher Nationals Under Licence

Licensed Higher Nationals allow Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with degree-awarding powers, such as Universities, to award their own HNCs and HNDs. Licensed Higher National partners have responsibilities for the quality assurance of their own Licensed Higher National programme.

HEIs wishing to offer Licensed Higher Nationals must first be approved by the Licensed HN Partnerships Manager. This approval process is different from the regular Pearson BTEC Higher National centre approval or programme approval.

Licensed HN Centre Approval Fee	£850.00
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Annual Centre Fee	£165.00
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There are two licences:

The **Trademark** licence allows the licensed partner to award the HNC and HND in its own name, using their own naming conventions and curriculum. The fees on the next page include the discounted price that HEIs pay.

The **Intellectual Property** licence allows the licensed partner to award the HNC or HND in its own name, using the programme and curriculum content of the Pearson Higher National programme. This is available for both Higher Nationals RQF and Higher Technical Qualifications. The fees on the next page include the discounted price that HEIs pay.



Registration Fees

Trademark Licence	
Level 4 HNC - Trademark Licence	£152.25
Level 5 HND - Trademark Licence	£194.37
Intellectual Property Licence	
Level 4 HNC - Intellectual Property Licence	£190.31
Level 5 HND - Intellectual Property Licence	£242.96

Trademark Licence – HTQ	
Level 4 HNC - Trademark Licence (HTQ)	£155.85
Level 5 HND - Trademark Licence (HTQ)	£224.43
Intellectual Property Licence – HTQ	
Level 4 HNC - Intellectual Property Licence (HTQ)	£194.81
Level 5 HND - Intellectual Property Licence (HTQ)	£280.54



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Top-up fees & drop-down refunds for 2023/24

Top-Up

A top-up fee is charged when a learner who has completed a qualification and received a certificate wants to extend this to a larger qualification from the same specification.

Please note the below fees are calculated on the basis that both the initial and the top up registrations are processed in the 2023/24 price list year (1 August 2023 - 31 July 2024).

Top-Up Fees

Level 4 HNC TM to Level 5 HND TM	£68.27
Level 4 HNC TM (HTQ) to Level 5 HND TM (HTQ)	£94.73
Level 4 HNC IP to Level 5 HND IP	£78.80
Level 4 HNC IP (HTQ) to Level 5 HND IP (HTQ)	£111.88
Level 4 HNC IP to Level 5 HND IP (HTQ)	£116.38

Drop-down refunds

Pearson provides a refund to those centres who have had learners move to, and complete, a shorter (BTEC) qualification of the same subject and level. The refund due is calculated as the difference between the cost of the larger and smaller qualification, minus an administration fee of 50% of the difference. The administration fee is capped at £26.15.



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BTEC registration fees, timelines and refunds

Late Registration Fees

For programmes following the academic year cycle, late registration fees will be charged according to the dates below:

- Registrations received between **16 November 2023** and **23 December 2023** will be charged at 1.05 x fee.
- Registrations received between **24 December 2023** and **31 January 2024** will be charged at 1.1 x fee.
- Registrations received on or after **1 February 2024** will be charged at 1.25 x fee.

Please refer to the BTEC section of the [Understanding our vocational qualification fees](#) Manual for further information.

For programmes that **do not follow the academic year** (i.e., programmes where learners have enrolled between November and August), or for any programmes of **less than one academic year** in length, late registration fees will be charged **four (4) weeks** after enrolment at **1.25 x fee** for all qualifications.

Pearson reserves the right to make additional quality assurance checks (at the customer's cost), if the volume of late registrations is abnormally high.

Deletions

Deletions for all Higher Nationals, regardless of whether your programme follows an academic year, *must be made within 49 days* of the student starting the programme of study (not from the date of registration). Any deletions made **50 days or more** after the student's start date will not be eligible for a full refund.



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FAQs and centre fees

Are these fees final?

Fees are not likely to change during the period covered by this document (August 2023 – July 2024). As new products are launched, the Fee Booklet will be updated. Please check our website for the latest updates.

What to do in the event of transfers?

A transfer is where the learner transfers their registration from one qualification to another before they have been certificated for the original qualification. No additional fee will be due where the fee for the new programme at the time of registration is the same as that paid for the original registration. Where the fee for the new programme is higher than that paid for the original registration, an invoice for the difference between the two fees will be issued.

Here to help

If you need any help or advice about any of our qualifications, you can contact us directly via our [customer portal](#).



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Thank you

We would like to thank you and your colleagues for the incredible work that you continue to do to support your students. We will continue to listen to your feedback and work with you to ensure that you and your students have the best possible experience with us.