Qualifications overview

Land-based studies





Specialism	Entry Level/Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Same level as GCSE (for age 14+ and 16+)		Same level as A Level (for age 16+)
Land	BTEC Level 1 Introductory in Land-based Studies (2016)	BTEC Level 2 Technical in Agriculture (2018)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Agriculture (2019)*
	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Land-based Studies (2009)	BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Agriculture (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Agriculture (2010)
	Pearson BTEC Entry Level 3 Award in Land-based Studies (2009)	BTEC Level 2 Technical in Countryside Studies (2018)*	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Countryside Management (2019)
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Countryside and Environment (2010)*	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Countryside Management (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Floristry (2018)*	BTEC Nationals in Environmental Sustainability (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Floristry (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Floristry (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Forestry and Arboriculture (2018)*	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Forestry and Arboriculture (2019)
		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Horticulture (2018)*	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Forestry and Arboriculture (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Horticulture (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Horticulture (2018)*
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Land-based Technology (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Horticulture (2010)
			BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Land-based Technology (2010)
Animal		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Animal Care (2017)*	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management (2016)*
	BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Animal Care (2015)	BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Animal Care (2015)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Animal Care (2010)	BTEC Nationals in Equine Management (2017)*
		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Equine Studies (2017)*	BTEC Nationals in Horse Management (2010)
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Horse Care (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pet Services (2018)
		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Fish Husbandry (2018)*	
		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Fish Husbandry (2010)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Fish Management (2010)
Blacksmithing and		BTEC Level 2 Technical in Blacksmithing (2019)*	
metalworking		BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (2011)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (2010)

Levels 4/5

Same level as University Year 1/2 (for age 18+)

BTEC Higher Nationals in Agriculture (2018)

BTEC Higher Nationals in Horticulture (2018)

BTEC Higher Nationals in Animal Management (2018)

NVQ qualifications

In addition to our BTEC qualifications, Pearson also offer a range of NVQ qualifications.

Please see website for full details.

* Included in performance tables in England – see web site for full details.

(Dates in brackets denote first teaching date.)



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BTEC Entry Level and Level 1 Introductory Age 16+ learners

Purpose

Designed to offer skills-based learning for your Entry Level and Level 1 learners so they can build the essential personal, social and technical skills they will need in life and in the workplace.

These qualifications offer flexible delivery options including Personal and Social Development, sector specific study or wider vocational study where learners can experience working across several sectors.

Progression

- Further study at Level 1
- Level 2 qualifications such as Level 2 Technicals, Tech Awards or GCSEs.

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 **Tech Awards** Age 14+ learners

Purpose

BTEC Tech Awards have been specially designed to be taught alongside GCSEs in schools as part of a Key Stage 4 study programme.

They offer your 14-16 year old vocational learners a glimpse into a professional sector and the opportunity to develop transferable skills through practical assignments and tasks.

Progression

- Further Level 2 technical study such as BTEC Level 2 **Technicals**
- A Levels
- Further vocational study at Level 3 e.g. BTEC Level 3 Nationals with a view to going on to employment, an apprenticeship or higher education.

BTEC Level 2 Firsts

Age 14–16+ learners

Purpose

Designed to offer your learners a vocational alternative to traditional qualifications such as GCSFs

BTEC Firsts are available in a range of sizes across a variety of sectors and offer learners a broad introduction to their chosen specialism.

Progression

- Further Level 2 technical study such as BTEC Level 2 Technicals
- Level 3 study such as BTEC Level 3 Nationals or A Levels
- An apprenticeship
- Employment.

BTEC Level 2 Technicals Age 16+ learners

Purpose

BTEC Level 2 Technicals are practical, hands-on qualifications designed to help your post-16 learners master the industryspecific skills, knowledge and professional behaviours they will need to start and succeed in their careers.

They can be taught as part of a full-time 16-19 study programme alongside other qualifications such as GCSES or as the technical qualification within an apprenticeship or employment.

Progression

- Further technical study at Level 3 such as BTEC Level 3 Nationals
- Apprenticeship
- Employment

BTEC **Nationals** Age 16+ learners

Purpose

BTEC Level 3 Nationals are career-based qualifications designed to give learners the skills and practical knowledge they need to move on to higher education or go straight into employment.

They can be taught alongside other level 3 qualifications as part of a wider programme of study or as the main focus of study over two years.

Progression

- Higher education
- Apprenticeship
- Employment

BTEC **Higher Nationals** Age 18+ learners

Purpose

Level 4 BTEC Higher Nationals Certificates (HNCs) and Level 5 BTEC Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are professional, technical higher education qualifications, and offer specialist vocational pathways.

They are designed to equip learners with the professional skills, techniques and personal attributes they will need for the future.

Progression

- Level 4 HNC students can progress to further study at Level 5
- Level 5 HND students could progress to a higher education degree course
- Employment

