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Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Vocational Studies (QCF)

The QNs remain the same.

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Summary of Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Vocational Studies specification Issue 2 changes

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| All references to QCF have been removed throughout the specification | |
| Definition of TQT added | Section 1 |
| Definition of sizes of qualifications aligned to TQT | Section 1 |
| TQT value added | Section 2 |
| GLH range removed and replaced with lowest GLH value for the shortest route through the qualifications | Section 2 |
| Reference to credit transfer within the QCF removed | Section 5 |
| QCF references removed from unit titles and unit levels in all units | Section 12 |
| Guided learning definition updated | Section 12 |

Earlier issue(s) show(s) previous changes.

If you need further information on these changes or what they mean, contact us via our website at: qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/contact-us.html.

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Purpose of this specification

The purpose of a specification as defined by Ofqual is to set out:

- the qualification's objective
- any other qualification which a learner must have completed before taking the qualification
- any prior knowledge, skills or understanding which the learner is required to have before taking the qualification
- units that a learner must have completed before the qualification will be awarded and any optional routes
- any other requirements which a learner must have satisfied before the learner will be assessed or before the qualification will be awarded
- the knowledge, skills and understanding which will be assessed as part of the qualification (giving a clear indication of their coverage and depth)
- the method of any assessment and any associated requirements relating to it
- the criteria against which learners' level of attainment will be measured (such as assessment criteria)
- any specimen materials
- any specified levels of attainment.

1 Introducing Pearson BTEC Specialist qualifications

BTEC Specialist qualifications are work-related qualifications available from Entry to Level 3 in a range of sectors. They give learners the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to prepare for employment in a specific occupational area. The qualifications also provide career development opportunities for those already in work. The qualifications may be offered as full-time or part-time courses in schools or colleges. Training centres and employers may also offer these qualifications.

Sizes of Specialist qualifications

For all regulated qualifications, we specify a total number of hours that learners are expected to undertake in order to complete and show achievement for the qualification – this is the Total Qualification Time (TQT). The TQT value indicates the size of a qualification.

Within the TQT, we identify the number of Guided Learning Hours (GLH) that a centre delivering the qualification needs to provide. Guided learning means activities that directly or immediately involve tutors and assessors in teaching, supervising, and invigilating learners, for example lectures, tutorials, online instruction and supervised study.

As well as guided learning, there may be other required learning that is directed by tutors or assessors. This includes, for example, private study, preparation for assessment and undertaking assessment when not under supervision, such as preparatory reading, revision and independent research.

As well as TQT and GLH, qualifications can also have a credit value – equal to one tenth of TQT, rounded to the nearest whole number.

TQT and credit values are assigned after consultation with users of the qualifications.

BTEC Specialist qualifications are available in the following sizes:

- Award – a qualification with a TQT value of 120 or less (equivalent to a range of 1–12 credits)
- Certificate – a qualification with a TQT value in the range of 121–369 (equivalent to a range of 13–36 credits)
- Diploma – a qualification with a TQT value of 370 or more (equivalent to 37 credits and above).

2 Qualification summary and key information

| Qualification title | Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Vocational Studies |
|--|---|
| Qualification Number (QN) | 500/9124/4 |
| Date registrations can be made | 1st September 2010 |
| Age range that the qualification is approved for | 14-16 16-18 19+ |
| Credit value | 9 |
| Assessment | Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment) |
| Total Qualification Time (TQT) | 90 |
| Guided learning hours | 80 |
| Grading information | The qualification and units are at pass grade. |
| Entry requirements | No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification. However, centres must follow the Pearson Access and Recruitment policy (see Section 10, Access and recruitment) |

| Qualification title | Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Vocational Studies |
|--|---|
| Qualification Number (QN) | 500/8987/0 |
| Date registrations can be made | 1st September 2010 |
| Age range that the qualification is approved for | 14-16 16-18 19+ |
| Credit value | 14 |
| Assessment | Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment) |
| Total Qualification Time (TQT) | 140 |
| Guided learning hours | 110 |
| Grading information | The qualification and units are at pass grade. |
| Entry requirements | No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification. However, centres must follow the Pearson Access and Recruitment policy (see Section 10, Access and recruitment) |

| Qualification title | Pearson BTEC Level 1 Extended Certificate in Vocational Studies |
|--|---|
| Qualification Number (QN) | 600/6545/X |
| Date registrations can be made | 1st September 2012 |
| Age range that the qualification is approved for | 14-16 16-18 19+ |
| Credit value | 21 |
| Assessment | Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment) |
| Total Qualification Time (TQT) | 210 |
| Guided learning hours | 173 |
| Grading information | The qualification and units are at pass grade. |
| Entry requirements | No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification. However, centres must follow the Pearson Access and Recruitment policy (see Section 10, Access and recruitment) |

| Qualification title | Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Vocational Studies |
|--|---|
| Qualification Number (QN) | 500/8985/7 |
| Date registrations can be made | 1st September 2010 |
| Age range that the qualification is approved for | 14-16 16-18 19+ |
| Credit value | 37 |
| Assessment | Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment) |
| Total Qualification Time (TQT) | 370 |
| Guided learning hours | 315 |
| Grading information | The qualification and units are at pass grade. |
| Entry requirements | No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification. However, centres must follow the Pearson Access and Recruitment policy (see Section 10, Access and recruitment) |

Qualification title and Qualification Number

Centres will need to use the Qualification Number (QN) when they seek public funding for their learners. The qualification title, unit titles and QN are given on each learner's final certificate. You should tell your learners this when your centre recruits them and registers them with us. There is more information about certification in our *UK Information Manual*, available on our website, qualifications.pearson.com

Objective of the qualifications

The Pearson BTEC Entry Level Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma and Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Vocational Studies have been developed to give learners the opportunity to:

- experience more than one vocational sector where they have not yet decided on a specific sector to follow
- develop knowledge, understanding and skills of different vocational sectors to motivate them to progress to higher level qualifications or employment in a specific sector.
- Develop cross-cutting employability skills through carrying out practical activities in a vocational context
- Engage in learning which is relevant to them and provide opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life
- achieve a nationally recognised Entry or Level 1 vocationally related qualification
- progress to employment
- progress to related general and/or vocational qualifications.

In addition, the rules of combination of these qualifications allow learners to achieve some units at different levels to the qualification being taken. For example, learners taking the Entry 3 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma may achieve some units at Level 1 which may encourage them to progress to a Level 1 vocational qualification. Learners taking the level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma may achieve some units at Entry 3 if they need to develop skills in particular areas, or they may achieve some units at Level 2 which may encourage them to progress to a Level 2 vocational qualification.

Progression opportunities through Edexcel qualifications

The intended destinations for learners who have successfully achieved the Entry Level Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma or Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma include:

- GCSEs
- Foundation Diplomas
- Level 2 apprenticeships
- Level 2 vocational qualifications such as Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificates/Extended Certificates/Diplomas in different vocational sectors
- supported employment.

3 Centre resource requirements

As part of the approval process, centres must make sure that the resources requirements below are in place before offering the qualification.

General resource requirements

- Centres must have appropriate physical resources (for example, equipment, IT, learning materials, teaching rooms) to support the delivery and assessment of the qualifications.
- Staff involved in the assessment process must have relevant expertise and occupational experience.
- There must be systems in place to make sure continuing professional development for staff delivering the qualifications.
- Centres must have appropriate health and safety policies in place relating to the use of equipment by learners.
- Centres must deliver the qualifications in accordance with current equality legislation.

4 Qualification structures

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Vocational Studies

The learner will need to meet the requirements outlined in the table below before Pearson can award the qualification.

| | |
|--|---|
| Minimum number of credits that must be achieved | 9 |
| Number of mandatory credits that must be achieved | 3 |
| Minimum number of credits from Group 2 that must be achieved | 3 |
| Remaining credits to achieve the qualification may be achieved from Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4. | |

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Vocational Studies

The learner will need to meet the requirements outlined in the table below before Pearson can award the qualification.

| | |
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| Minimum number of credits that must be achieved | 14 |
| Number of mandatory credits that must be achieved | 3 |
| Minimum number of credits from Group 2 that must be achieved | 6 |
| Remaining credits to achieve the qualification may be achieved from Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4. | |

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Extended Certificate in Vocational Studies

The learner will need to meet the requirements outlined in the table below before Pearson can award the qualification.

| | |
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| Minimum number of credits that must be achieved | 21 |
| Number of mandatory credits that must be achieved | 3 |
| Minimum number of credits from Group 2 that must be achieved | 10 |
| Remaining credits to achieve the qualification may be achieved from Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4. | |

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Vocational Studies

The learner will need to meet the requirements outlined in the table below before Pearson can award the qualification.

| | |
|--|----|
| Minimum number of credits that must be achieved | 37 |
| Number of mandatory credits that must be achieved | 3 |
| Minimum number of credits from Group 2 that must be achieved | 21 |
| Remaining credits to achieve the qualification may be achieved from Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4. | |

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Vocational Studies: Units

The following pages list the units available to be used in the Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Vocational Studies.

Further guidance on mandatory units, including the learning outcomes and assessment criteria, can be found within the 2011 specification for Level 1 qualifications in WorkSkills, which can be found on our website, qualifications.pearson.com.

Further guidance on each option unit, including the learning outcomes and assessment criteria, is included within the specification document for the relevant sector, which can be found on our website, qualifications.pearson.com.

| Unit reference number | Group 1 - Mandatory units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| A/503/2836 | Self-Assessment | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| F/503/2837 | Career Progression | 1 | 2 | 20 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| F/502/4009 | Working in Business and Administration | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/5756 | Understanding the Business of Retail | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| R/502/3981 | Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector* | 1 | 3 | 25 |
| J/502/4206 | IT User Fundamentals* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| M/502/3695 | Starting Work in Construction | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| A/502/4588 | Assist with the Care of Animals | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| H/502/4102 | Assist with Maintaining Plants | 1 | 4 | 36 |
| A/502/3375 | Communication Skills with Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| T/501/7221 | Health and Social Care Needs* | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| M/502/4894 | Introduction to the Hospitality Industry* | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| K/502/5008 | Introduction to Healthy Eating | 1 | 3 | 25 |
| D/600/2397 | Personal Skills for the Public Service | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| M/502/3700 | Customer Service in Travel and Tourism* | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| M/501/7248 | Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness* | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| M/502/3888 | Art and Design: Explore Drawing | 1 | 4 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| L/502/3896 | Art and Design: Explore 3D Design | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| T/502/3830 | Working in the Performing Arts | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/601/2166 | Developing Multimedia Products* | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/600/9131 | Working Safely in Engineering | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| R/503/2843 | Working in a Team* | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| K/504/9146 | Carrying out an Individual Project* | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| T/502/3889 | Art and Design: Explore Painting | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| K/502/3890 | Art and Design: Explore Printmaking | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| M/502/3891 | Art and Design: Explore Mixed Media | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| A/502/3893 | Art and Design: Explore and Create Surface Relief | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/502/3894 | Art and Design: Explore 3D Design Crafts | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/502/3897 | Art and Design: Explore 3D Fine Art | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/502/3898 | Art and Design: A Personal Project | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/502/3900 | Art and Design: An Accessory Project | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| A/502/3831 | Promoting a Performing Arts Event | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| H/502/3838 | Preparing Performing Arts Work | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| K/502/3839 | Presenting Performing Arts Work | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/502/3832 | Exploring Acting Skills | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/502/3833 | Exploring Dance Skills | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/502/3835 | Exploring Music Performance Skills | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/502/3836 | Exploring Technical Support for Stage Performance | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| L/502/3834 | Exploring Design Skills for the Performing Arts | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/502/3837 | Exploring Musical Theatre Skills | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/502/3840 | Performing Arts Individuals Repertoire and Showcase | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| L/601/2164 | Investigating Interactive Media Products | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| D/601/2170 | Exploring Digital Photography | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| J/505/1499 | Developing Video Products | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/505/1501 | Developing Animation | 1 | 4 | 40 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| A/505/1502 | Audio and Video Editing | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/601/2174 | Developing Audio Production | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| J/601/2177 | Job Opportunities in Creative Media | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/502/3374 | Planning for the Physical and Emotional Care Needs of Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/502/3376 | Encouraging Children to Eat Healthily | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/502/3377 | Keeping Children Safe | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| L/502/3378 | Valuing Children as Individuals | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/502/3379 | Children’s Learning Through Everyday Experiences | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/502/3382 | Physical Activities for Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/502/3383 | Learning Experiences for Young Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/502/3380 | Engaging Children in a Group Activity | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/502/3384 | Supporting the use of IT with Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| H/502/3385 | Creative Activities for Young Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| K/502/3386 | Musical Experiences for Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| M/502/3387 | Books, Stories, Poems and Rhymes for Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| H/504/9145 | Personal Care in Health and Social Care | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/501/7223 | Creative Activities for Children | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/501/7224 | Learning Experiences for Children and Young People | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| L/501/7225 | Creative and Leisure Activities for Adults in Health and Social Care | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/501/7226 | Promoting Healthy Eating in Care | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/501/7227 | Communication with Adults and Children in Health and Social Care | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/501/7228 | Job Opportunities in Health and Social Care | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| J/502/4898 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry* | 1 | 3 | 20 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| K/502/4957 | Food Service | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| L/502/5051 | Preparing and Serving Drinks | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| K/502/5042 | Basic Food Preparation and Cooking* | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| T/502/5075 | Using Kitchen Equipment | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| A/502/5059 | Introduction to Food Commodities | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| A/600/1094 | Housekeeping and Guest Services | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| K/502/5073 | Front Office Operations | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| M/504/9150 | Public Service Careers | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/504/9151 | Improving Health and Fitness for Entry into the Uniformed Public Services* | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| L/600/3951 | Forensic Detection | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/600/3295 | Introduction to Security Work in the Public Services | 1 | 4 | 35 |
| T/502/0278 | Map Reading Using Ordnance Survey Maps | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| D/600/2402 | Introduction to Expedition Skills | 1 | 4 | 36 |
| J/503/2838 | Developing Personal Skills for Leadership | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| H/600/2398 | Practical Teamwork in the Public Service | 1 | 4 | 38 |
| R/600/2400 | Public Services: Assisting the Public | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| Y/600/2401 | Public Service Project* | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| K/600/2399 | Public Service Incidents | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/501/7249 | How the Body Works | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| K/501/7250 | Planning Own Fitness Programme | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| T/501/7252 | Working in Sport and Active Leisure | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/504/9153 | Assisting a Leader of Sports or Active Leisure Activities to Plan and Deliver an Activity | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/501/7274 | Job Opportunities in Sport and Active Leisure | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| A/502/3702 | Planning a Trip to a Visitor Attraction* | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| T/502/3701 | Displaying Travel and Tourism Products and Services* | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/502/3703 | UK Travel Destinations | 1 | 4 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| J/502/3704 | Recommending a Package Holiday | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| L/502/3705 | Schedule, Charter and Low-cost Airlines | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/502/3706 | The Role of Air Cabin Crew | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/502/3707 | The Role of the Overseas Resort Representative | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/502/3708 | Planning and Participating in an Event | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Y/502/3710 | Work Experience in Travel and Tourism | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| D/502/3711 | Planning for a Job in Travel and Tourism | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| A/501/7236 | Communicating Electronically | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| T/502/4007 | Making and Receiving Calls | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| M/502/4006 | Welcome Visitors | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| A/502/4008 | Handling Mail | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| K/502/4005 | Creating Business Documents | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| J/501/7238 | Recording Business Transactions | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| F/501/7240 | Supporting Business Meetings | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| R/503/2857 | Planning an Enterprise Activity* | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Y/503/2858 | Running an Enterprise Activity* | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| R/501/7243 | Job Opportunities in Business Administration | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| T/502/5819 | Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector* | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| M/502/5804 | Understanding How a Retail Business Maintains Health, Safety and Security on its Premises | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| T/502/5805 | Understanding the Retail Selling Process | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| J/502/5808 | Understanding the Control, Handling and Replenishment of Stock in a Retail Business | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| R/502/5780 | Understanding How Individuals and Teams Contribute to the Effectiveness of a Retail Business | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| Y/502/3982 | Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon* | 1 | 3 | 25 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| T/502/4153 | Improving Productivity Using IT | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| Y/502/4291 | IT Communication Fundamentals | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| L/502/4384 | IT Software Fundamentals | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| T/502/4296 | Using the internet* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| J/502/4299 | Using Email* | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| H/502/4374 | Using Mobile IT Devices* | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| M/502/4572 | Design Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| J/502/4612 | Imaging Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| Y/502/4565 | Desktop Publishing Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| Y/502/4615 | Multimedia Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| K/502/4621 | Presentation Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| A/502/4624 | Spreadsheet Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| L/502/4630 | Website Software | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| L/502/4627 | Word Processing Software* | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| D/502/3692 | Health and Safety and Welfare in Construction | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/502/3696 | Working as a Team to Move and Handle Resources | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| D/502/3689 | Developing Construction Drawing Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| J/502/3685 | Developing Brick Laying Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| R/502/3687 | Developing Carpentry Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| H/502/3693 | Developing Joinery Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| R/502/3690 | Developing Construction Painting Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| Y/502/3688 | Developing Construction Decorating Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| K/502/3694 | Developing Plumbing Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| Y/502/3691 | Developing Electrical Installation Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| L/502/3686 | Developing Building Maintenance Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| T/502/7473 | Developing Plastering Skills | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| R/600/0291 | Maintain the Safety of Self and Others in the Workplace | 1 | 4 | 36 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| F/502/4608 | Assist with the Maintenance of Equipment | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| D/502/4101 | Assist with the Movement of Animals | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| J/502/4108 | Assist with Preparing and Maintaining Livestock Accommodation | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| Y/502/4601 | Assist with Preparation and the Monitoring of Livestock Outdoors | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| L/502/4546 | Farm Animal Health | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| H/600/0473 | Assist With Feedstuffs for Small Animals | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| R/600/0470 | Assist with Animal Accommodation | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| T/502/5710 | Assist with Movement and Handling of Small Animals | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| D/502/4177 | Assist with the Maintenance of Grass Surfaces | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| M/505/1321 | Soil Testing and Identification | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| F/502/4088 | Assist with Planting and Establishing Plants | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| M/502/4121 | Assist with the Vegetative Propagation of Plants | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| D/502/4017 | Assist with the Propagation of Plants from Seed | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| M/502/4023 | Assist with Identifying the Presence of, and Controlling Common Pests and Diseases | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| D/600/0293 | Prepare and Plant a Container for Display | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| Y/600/0292 | Planting and Staking a Tree | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| A/600/0463 | Assist with Feeding and Watering Horses | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| L/601/3170 | Purchasing and Waste Management | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| R/601/3168 | Project in Sustainability* | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| D/600/9138 | Developing Skills in Making Engineering Components using Hand Tools | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| H/600/9139 | Developing Skills in Using a Bench Pedestal Drilling Machine | 1 | 4 | 40 |

| Unit reference number | Group 2 – Option Level 1 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| H/600/9142 | Developing Skills in Assembling Mechanical Components | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| K/601/0096 | Developing Skills in Joining Materials Using Welding | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| H/601/0095 | Developing Skills in Electronic Assembly | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| L/601/0124 | Developing Skills in Wiring Electrical Circuits and Components | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| R/601/0125 | Developing Skills in Routine Servicing of Mechanical Equipment | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| D/601/0127 | Developing Skills in Routine Servicing of an Electrical/Electronic System | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| L/503/3425 | Starting Work in Engineering | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| M/502/1767 | Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector* | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| R/501/7260 | Principles of Health and Safety* | 1 | 6 | 60 |
| T/502/1768 | Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks* | 1 | 6 | 60 |
| A/502/1769 | Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations* | 1 | 6 | 60 |
| L/503/2856 | Safe Learning in the Workplace* | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Y/600/5959 | Growing Plants for Commercial Use | 1 | 4 | 40 |
| A/600/5985 | Making and Testing Cosmetic Products | 1 | 4 | 40 |

| Unit reference number | Group 3 – Option Entry Level Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| Y/502/3884 | Art and Design: Explore 2 Dimensions | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| H/502/3886 | Art and Design: Discovering 3 Dimensions | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| K/502/3887 | Art and Design: A Project in 2 or 3 Dimensions | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/505/1498 | Developing Creative Media Skills | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/601/2162 | Creating Images Digitally* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| H/600/1090 | Working in Business and Administration | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| L/600/1097 | Professional Behaviour in an Office Environment | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| R/600/1098 | Using Office Equipment in a Business Environment | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| M/501/7234 | Using a Computer in Business Administration | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| D/502/3823 | Introduction to the Performing Arts | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/502/3829 | Starting to Develop Performance Skills | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/3828 | Taking Part in a Performance | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| T/502/0166 | IT User Fundamentals* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| Y/502/0175 | Desktop Publishing Software* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| L/502/0173 | Design and Imaging Software* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| J/502/0172 | Using Email* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| D/502/0176 | Using Mobile IT Devices* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| F/502/0168 | Spreadsheet Software* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| A/502/0167 | Word Processing Software* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| A/502/0170 | Presentation Software* | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| F/502/0171 | Using the internet* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| L/502/0190 | The internet and World Wide Web | Entry 3 | 1 | 5 |
| D/502/0193 | Digital Lifestyle | Entry 3 | 1 | 5 |
| H/502/3371 | Communication between Children aged 0-3 years and Adults | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| K/502/3372 | Planning for the Physical Care Needs of Children aged 0-3 Years | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| D/504/9175 | Respecting Children | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 3 – Option Entry Level Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| T/501/7218 | Health Needs* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/501/7219 | Introduction to Creative and Leisure Activities for Children and Adults | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| M/501/7220 | The Role of the Carer at Meal times | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/4834 | Introduction to the Hospitality Industry* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| F/502/4835 | Serving Food and Drink | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| D/502/4874 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| J/600/0711 | Basic Food Preparation* | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| Y/502/4808 | Basic Cooking* | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| A/504/9149 | Health and Fitness for Public Service | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| F/600/3574 | Public Service Group Project | Entry 3 | 3 | 28 |
| Y/501/7244 | Taking Part in Sport | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/504/9152 | Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness Activities* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| D/501/7245 | Assisting at a Sport or Active Leisure Event | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/3697 | Researching a Tourist Destination | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| J/502/3699 | Planning for and Taking Part in a Visit | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/502/3698 | Displaying Travel and Tourism Information* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/502/3684 | Producing a Timber Product | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| T/502/3682 | Decorating Household Goods | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/3683 | Developing Home Improvement Skills | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| R/503/2826 | Producing a Product* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| L/505/1309 | Developing Practical Skills for Maintaining Plants | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| H/505/1316 | Understanding Soils | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| F/505/1310 | Horticulture: Plant Flower Bulbs for Naturalisation or Bedding | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| K/505/1317 | Horticulture: Introduction to Pruning Trees and Shrubs | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 3 – Option Entry Level Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|---|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| K/505/1320 | Horticulture: Introduction to Ground Preparation | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| Y/502/0614 | Check that a Small Animal is Healthy | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| R/502/0613 | Assist with Catching and Restraining a Small Animal | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| D/502/0615 | Groom a Small Animal | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| T/601/3163 | Shopping and Waste Management | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| D/601/3156 | Project in Sustainability* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |
| A/502/3800 | Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector* | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| F/502/3801 | Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon* | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| J/502/1760 | Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector* | Entry 3 | 2 | 10 |
| Y/502/1763 | Introduction to Health and Safety* | Entry 3 | 6 | 60 |
| H/502/1765 | Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks* | Entry 3 | 6 | 60 |
| K/502/1766 | Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations* | Entry 3 | 6 | 60 |
| F/601/6065 | Introduction to Customer Service* | Entry 3 | 2 | 20 |
| A/601/6047 | The Importance of Appearance and Behaviour in Customer Services | Entry 3 | 2 | 15 |
| R/601/6054 | Understand How to Deal with Queries and Requests | Entry 3 | 3 | 20 |
| F/503/2823 | Safe Learning in the Workplace* | Entry 3 | 1 | 10 |
| D/503/2814 | Working in a Team* | Entry 3 | 3 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 4 – Option Level 2 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| R/503/2888 | Planning an Enterprise Activity* | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Y/503/2889 | Running an Enterprise Activity* | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| L/503/2890 | Producing a Product* | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| A/503/2867 | Self-Management Skills | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| M/503/2879 | Investigating Rights and Responsibilities at Work | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| H/503/2880 | Managing Your Health at Work | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| F/503/2885 | Preparing for Work Placement | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| L/503/2887 | Learning from Work Placement | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| H/503/2877 | Building Working Relationships with Colleagues | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| K/503/2878 | Building Working Relationships with Customers | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| T/503/2866 | Interview Skills | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| M/503/2865 | Preparing for an Interview | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| R/503/2860 | Alternatives to Paid Work | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| D/503/2862 | Managing Your Own Money | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| D/502/5801 | Understanding Retail Consumer Law | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| H/502/5797 | Understanding the Handling of Customer Payments in a Retail Business | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| L/502/3901 | Working in the Performing Arts Industry | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| R/502/3902 | Professional Development in the Performing Arts Industry | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| L/600/0029 | Structure of the Construction Industry | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| J/600/0062 | Exploring Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| L/502/4823 | 2D Visual Communication | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| R/502/4824 | 3D Visual Communication | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| K/502/4876 | Working in the Art and Design Industry | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| H/502/5248 | Business Organisations | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| A/502/5255 | People in Organisations | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| T/600/0378 | Interpreting and Using Engineering Information | 2 | 5 | 30 |

| Unit reference number | Group 4 – Option Level 2 Units | Level | Credit | Guided Learning Hours |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| J/600/0417 | Engineering Marking Out | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| R/502/5410 | Fitness Testing and Training | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| T/600/6469 | The Creative Media Sector | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| M/600/6471 | Media Audiences and Products | 2 | 5 | 30 |

Forbidden combinations

The following table sets out the units in these qualifications where forbidden combinations are in force.

| Entry 3 Units | |
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| Unit | Must not be taken with: |
| IT User Fundamentals – T/502/0166 | IT User Fundamentals – J/502/4206 |
| Health Needs – T/501/7218 | Health and Social Care Needs – T/501/7221 |
| Introduction to the Hospitality Industry – A/502/4834 | Introduction to the Hospitality Industry – M/502/4894 |
| Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness Activities – A/504/9152 | Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness – M/501/7248 Improving Health and Fitness for Entry into the Uniformed Public Services – T/504/9150 |
| Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector – A/502/3800 | Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector – R/502/3981 |
| Creating Images Digitally – F/601/2162 | Design and Imaging Software – L/502/0173 Design Software – M/502/4572 Imaging Software – J/502/4612 |
| Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon – F/502/3801 | Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon – Y/502/3982 |
| Desktop Publishing Software – Y/502/0175 | Desktop Publishing Software – Y/502/4565 |
| Design and Imaging Software – L/502/0173 | Creating Images Digitally – F/601/2162 Design Software – M/502/4572 Imaging Software – J/502/4612 |
| Using Mobile IT Devices – D/502/0176 | Using Mobile IT Devices – H/502/4374 |
| Spreadsheet Software – F/502/0168 | Spreadsheet Software – A/502/4624 |
| Word Processing Software – A/502/0167 | Word Processing Software – L/502/4627 |
| Presentation Software – A/502/0170 | Presentation Software – K/502/4621 |
| Using the internet – F/502/0171 | Using the internet – T/502/4296 |
| Using Email – J/502/0172 | Using Email – J/502/4299 |

| Entry 3 Units | |
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| Unit | Must not be taken with: |
| Introduction to Customer Service – F/601/6065 | Customer Service in Travel and Tourism – M/502/3700 Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – D/502/4874 Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – J/502/4898 Understanding Customer Service in the Retail sector – T/502/5819) |
| Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – D/502/4874 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – J/502/4898 Customer Service in Travel and Tourism – M/502/3700 Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector – T/502/5819 Introduction to Customer Service – F/601/6065 |
| Basic Food Preparation – J/600/0711 | Basic Food Preparation and Cooking – K/502/5042 |
| Basic Cooking – Y/502/4808 | Basic Food Preparation and Cooking – K/502/5042 |
| Displaying Travel and Tourism Information – F/502/3698 | Displaying Travel and Tourism Products and Services – T/502/3701 |
| Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector – J/502/1760 | Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector – M/502/1767 |
| Introduction to Health and Safety – Y/502/1763 | Principles of Health and Safety – R/501/7260 |
| Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks – H/502/1765 | Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks – T/502/1768 |
| Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations – K/502/1766 | Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations – A/502/1769 |
| Planning for and Taking Part in a Visit – J/502/3699 | Planning a Trip to a Visitor Attraction – A.502/3702 |
| Working in a Team – D/503/2814 | Working in a Team – R/503/2843 |
| Safe Learning in the Workplace – F/503/2823 | Safe Learning in the Workplace – L/503/2856 |
| D/601/3156 – Project in Sustainability | R/601/3168 – Project in Sustainability |
| R/503/2826 – Producing a Product | L/503/2890 – Producing a Product |

| Level 1 Units | |
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| Unit | Must not be taken with: |
| Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector – T/502/5819 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – D/502/4874 Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – J/502/4898 Customer Service in Travel and Tourism – M/502/3700 Introduction to Customer Service – F/601/065 |
| Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector – R/502/3981 | Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector – A/502/3800 |
| Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon – Y/502/3982 | Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon – F/502/3801 |
| IT User Fundamentals – J/502/4206 | IT User Fundamentals – T/502/0166 |
| Using the internet – T/502/4296 | Using the internet – F/502/0171 |
| Using Email – J/502/4299 | Using Email – J/502/0172 |
| Using Mobile IT Devices – H/502/4374 | Using Mobile IT Devices – D/502/0176 |
| Design Software – M/502/4572 | Design and Imaging Software – L/502/0173 Creating Images Digitally – F/601/2162 |
| Imaging Software – J/502/4612 | Design and Imaging Software – L/502/0173 Creating Images Digitally – F/601/2162 |
| Desktop Publishing Software – Y/502/4565 | Desktop Publishing Software – Y/502/0175 |
| Multimedia Software – Y/502/4615 | Developing Multimedia Products – Y/601/2166 |
| Presentation Software – K/502/4621 | Presentation Software – A/502/0170 |
| Spreadsheet Software – A/502/4624 | Spreadsheet Software – F/502/0168 |
| Word Processing Software – L/502/4627 | Word Processing Software – A/502/0167 |
| Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector – M/502/1767 | Introduction to the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Sector – J/502/1760 |
| Principles of Health and Safety – R/501/7260 | Introduction to Health and Safety – Y/502/1763 |
| Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks – T/502/1768 | Planning and Organising for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Tasks – H/502/1765 |
| Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations – A/502/1769 | Carrying Out Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Operations – K/502/1766 |

| Level 1 Units | |
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| Unit | Must not be taken with: |
| Introduction to the Hospitality Industry – M/502/4894 | Introduction to the Hospitality Industry – A/502/4834 |
| Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – J/502/4898 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – D/502/4874 Customer Service in Travel and Tourism – M/502/3700 Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector – T/502/5819 Introduction to Customer Service – F/601/6065 |
| Basic Food Preparation and Cooking – K/502/5042 | Basic Food Preparation – J/600/0711 Basic Cooking – Y/502/4808 |
| Health and Social Care Needs – T/501/7221 | Health Needs – T/501/7218 |
| Improving Health and Fitness for Entry into the Uniformed Public Services – T/504/9150 | Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness Activities – A/504/9152 Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness – M/501/7248 |
| Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness – M/501/7248 | Taking Part in Exercise and Fitness Activities – A/504/9152 Improving Health and Fitness for Entry into the Uniformed Public Services – T/504/9150 |
| Customer Service in Travel and Tourism – M/502/3700 | Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – D/502/4874 Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry – J/502/4898 Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector – T/502/5819 Introduction to Customer Service – F/601/6065 |
| Displaying Travel and Tourism Products and Services – T/502/3701 | Displaying Travel and Tourism Information – F/502/3698 |
| Developing Multimedia Products – Y/601/2166 | Multimedia Software – Y/502/4615 |
| Y/600/2401 – Public Service Project | Carrying out an Individual Project – K/504/9146 |
| Planning a Trip to a Visitor Attraction – A.502/3702 | Planning for and Taking Part in a Visit – J/502/3699 |
| Working in a Team – R/503/2843 | Working in a Team – D/503/2814 |

| Level 1 Units | |
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| Unit | Must not be taken with: |
| Safe Learning in the Workplace – L/503/2856 | Safe Learning in the Workplace – F/503/2823 |
| Planning an Enterprise Activity – R/503/2857 | Planning an Enterprise Activity – R/503/2888 |
| Running an Enterprise Activity – Y/503/2858 | Running an Enterprise Activity – Y/503/2889 |
| Project in Sustainability – R/601/3168 | Project in Sustainability – D/601/3156 |

5 Assessment

The table below gives a summary of the assessment methods used in the qualifications.

| Units | Assessment methods |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| All units | Centre-devised assessment |

Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment)

Each unit has specified learning outcomes and assessment criteria. To pass an internally assessed unit, learners must meet all the assessment criteria. Centres may find it helpful if learners index and reference their evidence to the relevant learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Centres need to write assignment briefs for the learners to show what evidence is required. Assignment briefs should indicate clearly, which assessment criteria are being targeted.

Assignment briefs and evidence produced by learners must also meet any additional requirements in the *Information for tutors* section of the unit.

Unless otherwise indicated in *Information for tutors*, the centre can decide the form of assessment evidence (eg performance observation, presentations, projects, tests, extended writing) as long as the methods chosen allow learners to produce valid, sufficient and reliable evidence of meeting the assessment criteria.

Centres are encouraged to provide learners with realistic scenarios and maximise the use of practical activities in delivery and assessment.

To avoid over assessment centres are encouraged to link delivery and assessment across units.

There is more guidance about internal assessment on our website. See *Section 13*. Further information and useful publications.

6 Recognising prior learning and achievement

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessment (leading to the award of credit) that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess and so do not need to develop through a course of learning.

Pearson encourages centres to recognise learners' previous achievements and experiences in and outside the workplace, as well as in the classroom. RPL provides a route for the recognition of the achievements resulting from continuous learning.

RPL enables recognition of achievement from a range of activities using any valid assessment methodology. If the assessment requirements of a given unit or qualification have been met, the use of RPL is acceptable for accrediting a unit, units or a whole qualification. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

Further guidance is available in our policy document *Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and Process*, available on our website, qualifications.pearson.com

7 Centre recognition and approval

Centres that have not previously offered Pearson qualifications need to apply for, and be granted, centre recognition as part of the process for approval to offer individual qualifications. New centres must complete an *Pearson Vocational Centre & Qualification Approval Form (VCQA)*.

Existing centres get 'automatic approval' for a new qualification if they are already approved for a qualification that is being replaced by the new qualification and the conditions for automatic approval are met. Centres that already hold Pearson Centre approval are able to apply for qualification approval for a different level or different sector via Edexcel Online, up to and including level 3 only.

In some circumstances, qualification approval using Edexcel Online may not be possible. In such cases, guidance is available as to how an approval application may be made.

Approvals agreement

All centres are required to enter into an approval agreement that is a formal commitment by the head or principal of a centre to meet all the requirements of the specification and any associated codes, conditions or regulations. Pearson will act to protect the integrity of the awarding of qualifications. If centres do not comply with the agreement, this could result in the suspension of certification or withdrawal of approval.

8 Quality assurance of centres

Quality assurance is at the heart of vocational qualifications. The centre assesses Pearson BTEC qualifications. The centre will use quality assurance to make sure that their managers, internal verifiers and assessors are standardised and supported. Pearson use quality assurance to check that all centres are working to national standards. It gives us the opportunity to identify and provide support, if needed, to safeguard certification. It also allows us to recognise and support good practice.

For the qualifications in this specification, the Pearson quality assurance model will follow the processes listed below:

- an annual visit to the centre by a Centre Quality Reviewer to review centre-wide quality assurance systems
- Lead Internal Verifier accreditation. This involves online training and standardisation of Lead Internal Verifiers using our OSCA platform, accessed via Edexcel Online. Please note that not all qualifications will include Lead Internal Verifier accreditation. Where this is the case, we will annually allocate annually a Standards Verifier to conduct postal sampling of internal verification and assessor decisions for the Principal Subject Area.

For further details, go to the *UK BTEC Quality Assurance Handbook* on our website.

9 Programme delivery

Centres are free to offer the qualifications using any mode of delivery (for example full time, part time, evening only, distance learning) that meets their learners' needs. Whichever mode of delivery is used, centres must make sure that learners have access to the resources identified in the specification and to the subject specialists delivering the units.

Those planning the programme should aim to enhance the vocational nature of the qualification by:

- liaising with employers to make sure a course is relevant to learners' specific needs
- accessing and using non-confidential data and documents from learners' workplaces
- developing up-to-date and relevant teaching materials that make use of scenarios that are relevant to the sector
- giving learners the opportunity to apply their learning in practical activities
- including sponsoring employers in the delivery of the programme and, where appropriate, in the assessment
- making full use of the variety of experience of work and life that learners bring to the programme.

Centres must make sure that any legislation is up to date and current.

10 Access and recruitment

Pearson's policy regarding access to our qualifications is that:

- they should be available to everyone who is capable of reaching the required standards
- they should be free from any barriers that restrict access and progression
- there should be equal opportunities for all those wishing to access the qualifications.

Centres are required to recruit learners to BTEC specialist qualifications with integrity.

Applicants will need relevant information and advice about the qualification to make sure it meets their needs.

Centres should review the applicant's prior qualifications and/or experience, considering whether this profile shows that they have the potential to achieve the qualification.

For learners with disabilities and specific needs, this review will need to take account of the support available to the learner during teaching and assessment of the qualification. The review must take account of the information and guidance in *Section 11 Access to qualifications for learners with disabilities or specific needs*.

Learners may be aged between 14 and 16 and therefore potentially vulnerable. Where learners are required to spend time and be assessed in work settings, it is the centre's responsibility to ensure that the work environment they go into is safe.

11 Access to qualifications for learners with disabilities or specific needs

Equality and fairness are central to our work. Pearson's Equality Policy requires all learners to have equal opportunity to access our qualifications and assessments and that our qualifications are awarded in a way that is fair to every learner.

We are committed to making sure that:

- learners with a protected characteristic (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) are not, when they are undertaking one of our qualifications, disadvantaged in comparison to learners who do not share that characteristic
- all learners achieve the recognition they deserve from undertaking a qualification and that this achievement can be compared fairly to the achievement of their peers.

For learners with disabilities and specific needs, the assessment of their potential to achieve the qualification must identify, where appropriate, the support that will be made available to them during delivery and assessment of the qualification. Please see the information on reasonable adjustments and special consideration in *Section 4, Assessment*.

Learners taking a qualification may be assessed in British sign language or Irish sign language where it is permitted for the purpose of reasonable adjustments.

12 Units

Units have the following sections.

Unit title

This is the formal title of the unit that will appear on the learner's certificate.

Unit reference number

Each unit is assigned a unit reference number that appears with the unit title on the Register of Regulated Qualifications.

Level

All units and qualifications have a level assigned to them. The level assigned is informed by the level descriptors defined by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator.

Credit value

When a learner achieves a unit, they gain the specified number of credits.

Guided learning hours

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) is the number of hours that a centre delivering the qualification needs to provide. Guided learning means activities that directly or immediately involve tutors and assessors in teaching, supervising, and invigilating learners, for example lectures, tutorials, online instruction and supervised study.

Unit aim

This gives a summary of what the unit aims to do.

Essential resources

This section lists any specialist resources needed to deliver the unit. The centre will be asked to make sure that these resources are in place when it seeks approval from Pearson to offer the qualification.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes of a unit set out what a learner knows, understands or is able to do as the result of a process of learning.

Assessment criteria

Assessment criteria specify the standard required by the learner to achieve each learning outcome.

Unit amplification

This section clarifies what a learner needs to know to achieve a learning outcome.

Information for tutors

This section gives tutors information on delivery and assessment. It contains the following subsections.

- *Delivery* – explains the content’s relationship to the learning outcomes and offers guidance on possible approaches to delivery.
- *Assessment* – gives information about the evidence that learners must produce, together with any additional guidance if appropriate. This section should be read in conjunction with the assessment criteria.
- *Indicative resource materials* – lists resource materials that can be used to support the teaching of the unit, for example books, journals and websites.

13 Further information and useful publications

To get in touch with us visit our 'Contact us' pages:

- Edexcel, BTEC and Pearson Work Based Learning contact details: qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/contact-us.html
- books, software and online resources for UK schools and colleges: www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk

Key publications:

- *Adjustments for candidates with disabilities and learning difficulties, Access and Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments, General and Vocational qualifications* (Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ))
- *Supplementary guidance for reasonable adjustments and special consideration in vocational internally assessed units* (Pearson)
- *General and Vocational qualifications, Suspected Malpractice in Examination and Assessments: Policies and Procedures* (JCQ)
- *Equality Policy* (Pearson)
- *Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and Process* (Pearson)
- *UK Information Manual* (Pearson)
- *BTEC UK Quality Assurance Centre Handbook*

All of these publications are available on our website.

Publications on the quality assurance of BTEC qualifications are also available on our website.

Our publications catalogue lists all the material available to support our qualifications. To access the catalogue and order publications, please visit our website.

Additional resources

If you need further learning and teaching materials to support planning and delivery for your learners, there is a wide range of BTEC resources available.

Any publisher can seek endorsement for their resources and, if they are successful, we will list their BTEC resources on our website.

14 Professional development and training

Pearson supports UK and international customers with training related to BTEC qualifications. This support is available through a choice of training options offered on our website.

The support we offer focuses on a range of issues, such as:

- planning for the delivery of a new programme
- planning for assessment and grading
- developing effective assignments
- building your team and teamwork skills
- developing learner-centred learning and teaching approaches
- building in effective and efficient quality assurance systems.

The national programme of training we offer is on our website. You can request centre-based training through the website or you can contact one of our advisers in the Training from Pearson UK team via Customer Services to discuss your training needs.

BTEC training and support for the lifetime of the qualifications

Training and networks: our training programme ranges from free introductory events through sector-specific opportunities to detailed training on all aspects of delivery, assignments and assessment. We also host some regional network events to allow you to share your experiences, ideas and best practice with other BTEC colleagues in your region.

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