

## Amendment to the overall grading for the next generation BTEC First qualifications suite

The grading rules for the next generation Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate and Diploma qualifications have been simplified. You can find full information about the rules in Section 10 of each BTEC First Certificate and Extended Certificate Issue 2 specification.

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Your learners will be graded on each unit of the qualification they are registered to take. Edexcel then uses these grades to determine the overall qualification grade. For example, a learner who has some unit achievement at Level 2 Pass may still be able to attain an overall grade of Level 2 Merit provided that the performance across the whole qualification is strong enough.

### What has changed?

The larger qualifications – namely the **BTEC First Extended Certificates and Diplomas** – **have a double grade**: D\*D\*; D\*D; DD; DM; MM; MP; PP; Level 1. This emphasises that these qualifications are of a more substantial size and provide a broader range of study. It has also been necessary to amend the points thresholds used for calculation of qualification grades.

### Where can I find more information?

Section 10 of each BTEC First specification provides detailed information to help you work out the grades that your learners can achieve or should aim for.