

Statement of Purpose

600/7044/4 – Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Hospitality

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is equivalent in size to one GCSE. It is a Technical Award designed for pre-16 students working at level 2 who want to include a study of the hospitality industry in their Key Stage 4 curriculum. Students will engage with hospitality as a business, rather than as a customer.

This qualification provides students with the opportunity to explore a large and diverse industry which is responsive to change and which provides a range of products and services in a wide variety of settings.

What will the student study as part of this qualification?

This qualification consists of three mandatory units that provide the fundamental knowledge, skills and understanding required for the hospitality sector. An additional unit is then chosen from a choice of five optional units.

Mandatory units

- Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry – provides an overview of the industry; the range of products and services offered, and the processes involved in operating a hospitality business.
- Unit 2: Working in the Hospitality Industry – introduces students to effective working skills in the hospitality industry and provides them with opportunities to use these skills in context
- Unit 3: Food Safety and Health and Safety in Hospitality – enables students to discover aspects of health and safety, and food safety law in relation to those working in the hospitality industry.

Optional units

The optional units offered within this qualification build on the knowledge and skills in the mandatory units and provide students with an opportunity to develop a wider understanding and appreciation of the hospitality industry. Students select one of the following:

- Unit 4: Costing and Controlling Finances in the Hospitality Industry – where students will explore the costs that are incurred within the hospitality industry and how they are controlled, as well as understanding how hospitality businesses can make a profit.
- Unit 5: Enterprise in the Hospitality Industry – where students look at what hospitality businesses do, trends that affect how they operate, as well as business ownership in the hospitality industry.
- Unit 6: Planning, Preparing, Cooking and Finishing Food – where students will explore the understanding and skills required for proficiency in planning, preparing, cooking and finishing a range of food types in the hospitality industry.
- Unit 7: Food and Beverage Service in the Hospitality Industry – where students will explore the understanding and skills required to deliver food and beverage service in the hospitality industry.
- Unit 8: Front Office Services in the Hospitality Industry – where students will explore the understanding and skills required to work in front-office roles in the hospitality industry.

What knowledge and skills will the student develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

This qualification provides students with the opportunity to learn about one of the largest, most diverse and most important sectors of the UK economy. Students will develop broad knowledge and skills about the hospitality industry and apply their knowledge and skills in practical, hospitality-related contexts. The sector-specific knowledge and skills will provide a strong basis for progression to a level 3 vocational qualification in hospitality or an apprenticeship.

Students will develop a valuable range of study and employability skills including self-management, team working, business and customer awareness, problem solving, communication (through presentations and discussions), and enhancing their skills in literacy (through drafting reports), numeracy (through studying finance) and applying their skills in naturally occurring and relevant contexts. These broader skills are important for progression to a wide range of academic and vocational level 3 programmes.

Which subjects will complement this course?

This qualification is designed to be taken as part of a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4. It will go particularly well alongside GCSEs in EBacc subjects including computer science, languages and geography, non-core GCSEs (for example, business; D&T) and/or other Technical Awards (e.g. BTEC Travel and Tourism; BTEC Sport) to provide both curriculum breadth and the skills needed to make informed choices about study post-16.

This qualification is part of a larger suite of BTEC Hospitality qualifications

Pearson BTEC Level 1/ Level 2 First Award in Hospitality provides a broad introduction to the sector and enables students to acquire, develop and apply the skills and knowledge required for further academic and/or vocational study.

Pearson also offers a BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Hospitality. This is equivalent in size to two GCSEs. It incorporates the three mandatory units in the Award and, through the study of additional mandatory and optional specialist units, provides a programme for students who wish to develop broader knowledge and understanding of the sector at this level.

(Pearson also offers two larger qualifications in the suite at this level, the Extended Certificate and the Diploma, but they are designed for use by post-16 students and would make up the main part of their programme of study.)

The Award and Certificate both support progression to *post-16* qualifications at level 2 and 3 for students who wish to continue with their study of hospitality and to take up a career in the sector.