BTEC

BTEC First

Amendments by Sector

May/June 2018

We've listened to feedback from teaching professionals and we're making some improvements to your BTEC First qualifications from the 2018/19 academic year. From 1 September 2018, you'll see:

More flexibility in the core units

Your learners no longer have to aggregate a Pass across all the Core units to pass the whole qualification.

Greater choice of optional units

We've taken a selection of the optional units from the Diploma (the largest size) and we're making them available in smaller sizes (Certificate and Extended Certificate) from 1 September 2018.

Registrations extended up to 31 December 2024

To give teaching professionals stability and time to plan, you can now continue registering new learners on the improved BTEC Firsts up to December 2024.

Sector	Changes
Applied Science	No Changes being made, all qualification structures will remain the same
Art & Design	With the Fashion and Textiles pathway, the following units are available across the Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma: 25,35 & 36 With the Photography pathway, the following units are available across the Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma: 31, 32 & 34 With the Visual Arts pathway, the following units are available across the Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma: 28, 29, 36 & 40 For the Visual Communications pathway, the all optional units are available across the Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma
Business	We have made some/all of the optional units currently only available in the Diploma, available in the Certificate and Extended Certificate. The aim is to increase the appeal of the qualifications by expanding the optional unit block. This should increase the appeal of the qualifications with a more diverse choice of units, with more 60glh units also reducing assessment burden



Construction and the Built Environment

We have removed the restriction of groups A and B as well as including the following units in the 240 and 360 sizes: The Construction Industry, Exploring Civil Engineering, Exploring Surveying, Exploring Building Services Engineering, Exploring Facilities Management

Creative Digital Media Production

We have changed the restriction from optional unit group A to allow minimum of one unit. We have also removed restrictions from group B and merge group C this will allow centres to deliver more bespoke programmes in areas such as games and film and television production. Also to include all units in new group B

Engineering

No Changes being made, all qualification structures will remain the same

Health & Social Care

The following units are available in the 360 GLH Extended Certificate:

- 15 Carrying out a research Project in Health and Social Care
- 16- Vocational Experience in Health and Social Care
- 18 Child Development and Observation
- 22 An Introduction to Basic First Aid
- 23 Food Safety in Health and Social Care
- 24 Infection Control in Health and Social Care

Hospitality

The following units are available in the 240 GLH Certificate:

Unit 14: Teamwork in Hospitality

Unit 15: Menu Planning

Unit 16: Managing Finance in Hospitality

Unit 17: Alcohol Awareness in Hospitality

Unit 18:Delivering the Hospitality Customer Service Experience

Unit 20: Work in Experience in Hospitality

Unit 23: Barista Skills in Hospitality

The following units are available in the 360 GLH Extended Certificate:

Unit 18:Delivering the Hospitality Customer Service Experience

Unit 20: Work in Experience in Hospitality

Unit 23: Barista Skills in Hospitality

Information and Creative Technology

All units currently available in the Diploma (480) size are now available in the Certificate (240) and Extended Certificate (360) sizes

Music

All units currently available in the Diploma (480) size are now available in the Certificate (240) and Extended Certificate (360) sizes

Performing Arts

All units currently available in the Diploma (480) size are now available in the Certificate (240) and Extended Certificate (360) sizes

Public Services

We have reviewed and updated the content to reflect current issues or changes to legislation etc

We have merged the optional unit groups (A & B) in Diploma (480) size

We have made all optional units available in Certificate (240) and Extended Certificate (360) from the Diploma (480)

We have extended the forbidden combination to include units 10 12 and 14 so that learners can only study any one of these in optional specialist pathways

Sport

The Certificate size (240GLH) has unit 13 added as an optional unit.

The following optional units have been added to the Extended Certificate (360

GLH): 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24

The Diploma (480GLH) has no further changes

Sport

The following units are available in the 240 GLH Certificate:

Unit 11: Delivering the Travel and Tourism Customer Experience (barred combination with Unit 6)

Unit 12:Marketing in Travel and Tourism

Unit 13: Airports and Airlines

Unit 15: Work related experience in Travel and Tourism

Unit 16: Holiday Representatives

Unit 17: UK Travel Agency Operations

Unit 18:The Cruise Industry

Unit 19: Hospitality Operations in the Travel and Tourism Sector

Unit 20: UK Visitor Attractions

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Unit 12:Marketing in Travel and Tourism

Unit 13: Airports and Airlines

Unit 15: Work related experience in Travel and Tourism

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