



Extension of QCF BTEC Higher National Certificates in Engineering

We have extended the following Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificates (QCF) to allow for one more period of registration for centres who wish to offer these programmes:

- 500/8992/4 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8831/2 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8257/7 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Electrical Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8830/0 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Electronic Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8827/0 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in General Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8829/4 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8824/5 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (QCF)
- 500/8960/2 Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Operations Engineering (QCF)

The end date for these programmes is now 31 December 2017. Centres will have until the end certification date to top up from the QCF HNC to the QCF HND or to transfer between the two.



Pearson

New Pearson BTEC Higher Nationals in Engineering (RQF)

While we have extended these programmes to allow for a year of transition as with other recently launched RQF BTEC Higher Nationals, it is still strongly recommended that from September 2017 prospective Higher National students are registered on the new RQF BTEC Higher National programmes. Late transition to the new programmes may cause issues when attempting to infill QCF Higher National Diploma cohorts with RQF Higher National Certificate students.

Differences in unit content between the old and new specifications will make such infill difficult.

UK centres are also encouraged to be aware that the new RQF BTEC Higher National programmes in Engineering have been added to the relevant Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England (SASE) Higher Apprenticeship frameworks.

Best regards,

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