

Statement of Purpose

500/6705/9 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award for IT Users (ITQ) (QCF)

Who is this qualification for?

This level 1 qualification is aimed at students over the age of 14 working at this level who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to progress to further study and ultimately to employment in the IT or a related sector. It provides an introduction to the sector, enabling students to make informed future progression choices while developing and applying their knowledge and acquiring a range of relevant practical, communication and personal development skills.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

All the content of the qualification, relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to support students in progressing to further study in the IT sector. All students study the improving productivity using IT mandatory unit. Students can then choose from a broad range of optional units providing an introduction to the range of IT software and applications available. The range of units covers the internet, email, audio, video, design and data management applications.

100 per cent of the qualification focusses on developing the knowledge and understanding of Information Technology. This is a knowledge-based qualification, designed to support progression to further learning in the sector.

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?

Students will develop skills in basic IT including; network concepts, file management and carrying out effective web searches.

By developing the sector knowledge and skills outlined above, students will be well prepared for progression to a level 2 IT related qualification.

The portfolio-based approach to assessment will also support the development of communication skills such as extended writing and drafting, critical skills of analysis, team-working, working from a prescribed brief, working to deadlines, presenting information effectively, accurately completing tasks and processes and study skills such as research and time management. These skills will help support progression to level 2 and any future chosen course.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification and is not available as part of an apprenticeship.

What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support students' progression to the next level of learning by developing their knowledge and skills in IT which will support further

study. In addition the practical nature of the qualification will suit students who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work.

What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?

Students who complete this qualification may progress to the Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award/Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Information and Creative Technology or use their acquired transferable skills to progress to other vocational related sectors such as Business or Retail.

Specific Pearson Level 2 related qualifications are listed below

BTEC IT Users (ITQ) Level 2 (BTEC IT Users ITQ)

Computer Science (GCSE)

Creative and Digital Media (England) (BTEC Apprenticeships)

Edexcel Level 1 Digital Applications (CiDA/DiDA) (2014) (Digital Applications)

Edexcel Level 2 Digital Applications (CiDA) (2012) (Digital Applications)

Edexcel Level 2 Digital Applications (DiDA) (2014) (Digital Applications)

ICT Systems and Principles (L2) (BTEC Specialist Qualifications)

Information and Creative Technology (2012) NQF (BTEC Firsts)

Information Technology (Specialist) (L2) (BTEC Specialist Qualifications)

IT Application Specialist (England) (BTEC Apprenticeships)

IT User Skills (L2) (NVQ and Competence Based Qualifications)

IT Software Web & Telecoms Professionals (BTEC Apprenticeships)

Why choose the Award sized qualification?

The BTEC Level 1 Award for IT Users provides an introduction to the sector and is appropriate for students who have an interest in working in the sector and wish to progress to further study. By studying the Award, students will secure a foundation of knowledge and skills in preparation for higher level learning. There are also Certificate and Diploma sized qualifications available at this level for learners who need to study more content according to their learning programme needs.

Pearson offers both the Certificate and Diploma sized qualifications for IT Users for students who wish to study more content according to their learning needs and the make-up of their wider learning programme, the Certificate for example provides a broader introduction to the sector, whereas the Diploma provides a more comprehensive coverage of the sector.

Pearson also offers a range of similar qualifications for students wishing to enter employment or study more specialist content that may lead to specific job roles:

Computer Science (GCSE)

Edexcel Level 1 Digital Applications (CiDA/DiDA) (2014) (Digital Applications)

Further information on the above qualifications can be found on the Pearson website

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- North Hertfordshire College
- Leicester College
- The Manchester College

Further Information

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/skills-qualifications/btec-it-users-itq/level-1.html>