Teaching Music or Music Technology at Level 3?
Choose BTEC Nationals
Welcome to your Guide to BTEC Level 3 Nationals in:

- Music coming soon
- Music Technology

Your guide includes everything you need to know about BTEC Level 3 Nationals Music and Music Technology qualifications, why universities and employers are so excited about BTEC qualifications, and why around 1 in 4 students entering university in the UK do so with a BTEC.*

**Coming soon**
We’re delighted to announce our new draft BTEC Level 3 Nationals Music qualifications. You’ll find:
- New, flexible delivery models
- Practical and appropriate assessments
- Easy access to expert support.

If you’re looking for a fresh approach to teaching music choose BTEC Music**.

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*Source: UCAS Progression Pathways – Jan 2016
**Availability to be confirmed.

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Why choose BTEC Nationals?

Young people taking their first steps towards a new career need the right blend of technical and academic skills in order to become the highly skilled, work-ready individuals employers and universities look for.

BTEC Level 3 Nationals are vocational qualifications designed to help your learners succeed. They have been developed in collaboration with over 5,000 universities, employers and professional bodies with employability at the heart, so your learners can develop the skills and confidence they will need to step into their future.

Combination of assessment styles

Learners can demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding through practical, project-based assessments. (see page 20 for details).

Music portfolio support

Opportunities for learners to develop their own music portfolio to support their entry to higher education or employment.

Large foundation of mandatory units

Universities and employers have evidence of a consistent level of core knowledge and skills.

Comprehensive support

We’ve listened to your feedback and put together our most comprehensive support package yet. (see pages 14-19 for details).

What’s new

Your new BTEC Level 3 Nationals have been designed around what you’ve told us you need. They offer:

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Introducing BTEC Nationals

The route to success

After 30 years of proven success, more and more employers and Higher Education institutions across the globe are choosing BTEC-qualified candidates for their practical knowledge and employability skills. More than a million learners choose BTEC each year.

BTEC Level 3 Nationals provide your learners with:

- modern, work-related qualifications with clear purpose and defined progression routes into higher education or employment
- the help they need to develop high-level skills employers and universities look for such as teamwork, creative thinking and presentation skills
- the opportunity to build independent research and study skills essential for success at university and in the workplace.

“BTEC courses give you real, hands-on experience. It’s what I call ‘learning by doing’ and gives you the skills today’s employers are looking for.”

Peter Jones CBE, Entrepreneur

Find out why Peter Jones and our other ambassadors choose BTEC at quals.pearson.com/BTECsuccess17guide

See some great BTEC success stories and meet our BTEC Music student of the Year 2017 at: quals.pearson.com/BTECawards17guide

Did you know...

4 out of 5 BTEC students go on to receive a First or Second class degree (The outcomes associated with the BTEC route of degree level acquisition, London Economics 2013)

37% of businesses prefer recruits to hold a mix of academic and vocational qualifications or value them equally (Inspiring Growth: Pearson/Skills CBI Skills survey 2015)

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Your qualifications explained

BTEC Level 3 Nationals courses offer a flexible range of qualifications that can be studied alongside other level 3 qualifications such as A levels or other BTEC Nationals as part of a larger programme of study, or as the main focus of study.

- They are designed for post-16 Level 3 learners wishing to go on to further or higher level study of the sector or directly to employment.
- All sizes attract UCAS points and are widely recognised by universities and employers.
- All use summative unit grading, designed to help with reporting value added through ALPS.

Your BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music and Music Technology qualifications are available in a range of sizes and are Applied General- and Tech Level-style qualifications.

Find out more
See next page for course overview. For full details or to download your specifications please go to quals.pearson.com/BTECNats16and17Guide

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Applied General
For learners progressing to their career through higher level study, although they could go directly into employment at the end of the course. They will have the opportunity to:

- choose between different qualification sizes so they have the option to study full or part–time or take a BTEC alongside other level 3 qualifications such as A levels.
- develop transferable knowledge and skills.

Tech Level qualifications
For learners wishing to progress directly to employment or apprenticeships through specialist study, or choose to go on to higher level study. They will have the opportunity to:

- choose between different qualification sizes so they have the option to study full or part– time or take a BTEC alongside other level 3 qualifications such as A levels
- develop transferable knowledge and skills.
- develop specialist knowledge and skills for their chosen career path
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Music Technology - course overview

The chart below gives you an overview of the course sizes available in your BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology.

These practical, Tech-Level style qualifications provide your learners with the underpinning knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in the music industry and offer them:

- flexibility to progress to larger size qualifications or specialise
- opportunities to showcase their skills through practical assessments.

Find out more
For Teaching support see page 14 • For Assessment see page 22
Download your specification at: quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsMusicTech16Guide

Information correct at time of publication – please see specification for latest information.

Certificate in Music Technology
180 GLH**
Coming soon

Purpose: Provides a basic introduction to studying music technology through Digital Audio Workstations (DAW). When studied alongside other level 3 qualifications is ideal for learners wishing to go on to:

- Further or higher education
- Employment

Total units: 2
1 Mandatory Unit
PLUS 1 Optional Unit*

Extended Certificate in Digital Music Production
360 GLH

Same size as 1 A level
Tech Level

Total units: 4
3 Mandatory Units
PLUS 1 Optional Unit*

Purpose: Provides an introduction to study of music technology offering learners the opportunity to specialise in Digital Music Production.

When studied alongside other level 3 qualifications supports progression to:

- Apprenticeship
- Employment in roles such as junior music producer

Purpose: Provides an introduction to study of music technology offering learners the opportunity to specialise in Sound Engineering.

When studied alongside other level 3 qualifications supports progression to:

- Apprenticeship
- Employment in roles such as junior sound designer

Foundation Diploma in Music Technology
540 GLH

Same size as 1.5 A levels
Tech Level

Total units: 6
4 Mandatory Units
PLUS 1 Optional Unit*

Purpose: Designed as a one-year course providing the underpinning knowledge for the sector and is ideal for learners wishing to progress to:

Further study

- specialist employment in the music technology sector in roles such as Junior Music Technician

Diploma in Music Technology
720 GLH

Same size as 2 A levels
Tech Level

Total units: 8
6 Mandatory Units
PLUS 2 Optional Units*

Purpose: Provides in-depth study for learners studying music technology as their main focus. When studied alongside one or more other level 3 qualifications it supports progression to:

- Higher education
- Employment in roles such as Music Technician

Extended Diploma in Music Technology
1080 GLH

Same size as 3 A levels
Tech Level

Total units: 13
7 Mandatory Units
PLUS 6 Optional Units*

Purpose: A two-year, full-time course providing in-depth study of the sector. This qualification supports progression to mixing/mastering engineer, creative sound designer or music producer.

Included in performance measures in England – see website for full details

* please see specification for details of all Optional Units available.
** Please note the Certificate is not included on performance measures – please check website for latest information.

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Music - course overview

The chart below provides an overview of the course sizes in BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Applied General-style qualifications.

Certificate and Extended Certificate
These smaller size qualifications are designed to be delivered alongside other Level 3 qualifications such as A Levels and take the familiar unit-by-unit approach.

Applied General

Certificate in Music Performance
180 GLH

Same size as 0.5 A level
Applied General (TBC)

Total units: 2
1 Mandatory Unit
PLUS 1 Optional Unit*

Purpose: Designed to provide learners with an introduction to the sector with a focus on performance. When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications is ideal for learners wishing to progress to:

- Higher education

Extended Certificate in Music Performance
360 GLH

Same size as 1 A level
Applied General (TBC)

Total units: 4
3 Mandatory Units
PLUS 1 Optional Unit*

Purpose: Designed to provide learners with a good introduction to the sector with a focus on performance including musical skills development and professional practice. When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications is ideal for learners wishing to progress to:

- Higher education

Foundation Diploma in Music
540 GLH

Same size as 1.5 A levels
Applied General (TBC)

Learning and teaching modules: 2
Total units: 8
Mandatory Units

Purpose: A one-year course designed to provide learners with a comprehensive study of the fundamentals of music. Learners will focus on developing their music skills and a good understanding of the music industry. Supports progression to:

- Further study
- Employment

Extended Diploma in Music
1080 GLH

Same size as 3 A levels
Applied General (TBC)

Learning and teaching modules: 2
Total units: 10
Mandatory Units

Purpose: Designed as a two-year full-time course. Building on the skills and knowledge acquired in the Foundation Diploma units, Extended Diploma learners will focus on developing their own music portfolio Supports progression to:

- Higher education
- Employment

Certificate and Extended Certificate

Find out more
Please check website for latest information and to download draft specifications:
quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsMusic2018Guide

*please see specification for details of all Optional Units available.
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Foundation Diploma and Extended Diploma

A flexible way to deliver music as a main focus of study. Learners can choose to follow a one-year Foundation Diploma course or continue for a second year to study for the Extended Diploma.
Course materials

BTEC Level 3 Nationals qualifications have a comprehensive range of FREE course materials available to help with planning and teaching, as well as assessing and tracking progress of your learners.

Find out more
For full details of all the support available please see website:

Music - coming soon
quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsMusic18Guide

Music Technology
quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsMusicTech16Guide

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Training

We offer a range of events to help you in every aspect of planning, teaching and assessing your BTEC courses.

To make it as easy as possible for you to benefit from our training, many of our face-to-face events are available as online sessions, and you can request any of our events to be delivered as paid-for events in your centre.

Our programme of events:

- make it easy for you to access BTEC training how, when and where you need it.
- offer qualification-based and role-based courses so you can choose which event is right for you.
- are delivered by experts passionate about training.
- provide opportunities to share ideas and best practice.

What’s more, our flexible range of high quality training events not only support your delivery of BTEC courses, but also help towards your continued professional development.

Find out more
Book onto one of our events at quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsTraining

myBTEC

We know that as a teacher workload can be an issue, that’s why to help you save time we have designed myBTEC, a unique free service that aims to reduce your admin workload.

What myBTEC can do for you:

- **Saves you time** – for example when Internally Verifying an assignment brief, at least 50% of the questions are answered for you.
- **Reduces your workload** – for example your assessment plan is produced automatically from your assignment briefs in myBTEC.
- **Automatic grade tracking calculations**, so you know your students are on track.
- **Easily export and download all documents**, information and results.
- **Give you the complete visibility of all courses**, assessment, internal verification and results at your centre, so you can check progress at anytime.

Simply login at mybtec.pearson.com with your Edexcel online details.

Find out more
Discover myBTEC at quals.pearson.com/myBTECNatsGuide17

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Admin support

New to BTEC?
If you’re thinking about teaching BTEC Nationals and want to know more about what’s involved and the support we can provide see our step-by-step guides at quals.pearson.com/stepbystepBTEC.

We’ve included guidance on:
- How to get started
- Building your BTEC team
- Quality assurance
- Internals assessment
- External assessment

Already teaching BTEC?
Remember you can find detailed information about key BTEC processes, forms and guidance materials quals.pearson.com/BTECsupport.

You’ll also find all of the essential tools and forms on each of our dedicated qualifications pages, alongside your specifications and any additional resources specific to your BTEC.

Specialist help and advice

You’ve also access to specialist support and advice from our music subject advisor, Jeffrey Hole.

Jeffrey will be happy to help with any questions you may have about your BTEC Level 3 Music qualifications.

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Assessment and Grading

Types of assessment
Your BTEC Level 3 Nationals Music and Music Technology qualifications take a unit-by-unit approach and offer a combination of assessment styles. This gives your learners the opportunity to showcase their skills and apply their knowledge in an appropriate, work-related context, and provides evidence of what they can do when they apply to enter higher education or employment.

Assessing BTEC Nationals

Grading
A learner’s final qualification grade reflects their achievements across units in their BTEC Nationals course. Both internally and externally assessed units are individually graded, and each final unit grade is allocated points.

Internally assessed units are marked and graded in the Centre (school, college or training provider) and subject to external verification by Pearson.

Externally assessed units are marked and graded by Pearson. Units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction, with external units also having a N grade in most Level 3 sectors. Total points scored across all units are used to calculate the final qualification grade.

Achievement of a Certificate with a D grade:

- **Assignments (internally assessed)**
  - Set and marked by: Centre
  - Verified by: Pearson
  - Assignments are practical tasks set in work-related scenarios that can be tailored to local industry needs for your learners.
  - Learners demonstrate how they apply knowledge and skills to complete a practical project over a period of time, working individually or in groups.

- **Tasks (externally assessed)**
  - Set and marked by: Pearson
  - Tasks are practical work-related scenarios completed in realistic, time-based situations.
  - They are completed in controlled conditions and some tasks have pre-released information.
  - Learners demonstrate how to apply learning to common workplace or HE scenarios. Tasks provide evidence of a consistent standard of assessment for all BTEC learners.

Find out more
For full details see Section 9 of your specification
Download your specification at quals.pearson.com/BTECNats16and17Guide

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We’ve also developed a range of new BTEC creative sector qualifications for Level 1 and Level 2 learners.

For Level 1 post-16 Learners

BTEC Level 1 Introductory qualifications
Graded, unit-based qualifications designed to develop transferable and sector skills so your post-16 learners can progress to further study, apprenticeships or training. BTEC Level 1 Introductory qualifications for creative sectors include:

- Art and Design
- Digital Media
- Performing Arts
- Vocational Studies

For Level 2 post-16 learners

BTEC Level 2 Technicals
Designed to give post-16 learners real hands-on practical experience to master the skills they will need to succeed in their career or higher level study. Qualifications for creative sectors include:

- Design Production
- Digital Media
- Digital Audio/Visual Production
- Digital Games Production

BTEC Level 2 Diplomas

- Level 2 Diploma in Music Industry Skills – available now
- Level 2 Diploma in Performing Arts/Production Arts – coming soon

Find out more
Download your specifications at: quals.pearson.com/BTECLevel1IntroGuide

Find out more
Download your specifications and view all our BTEC Level 2 Technicals at: quals.pearson.com/BTECLevel2Technicalsguide

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Your next Steps

Download your specifications and sample assessment materials and browse our FREE resources at:
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Sign up for updates at quals.pearson.com/BTECNats16UpdateGuide and we’ll keep you up-to-date with the latest news.

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Help and advice

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