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Important Notice:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services (720 GLH) (601/7215/0)

Changes to staffing and approvals requirements

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New staffing and approval requirements, in line with CIMSPA guidelines, are being introduced and will apply to centres delivering the course with new registrations from September 2017. (It will not affect learners who are currently registered on the course).

Staffing requirements

The Teacher/Tutor

The person delivering the following units listed will need to have the relevant industry recognised qualification(s):

BTEC Fitness Services Units Industry Qualification	BTEC Fitness Services Units Industry Qualification
Unit 13 Instructing Gym-based Exercise Unit 14 Exercise and Circuit-based Physical Activity	Recognised Gym Instructor Level 2.
Unit 15 Instructing Exercise to Music	Recognised Exercise to Music Instructor level 2.
Unit 16 Instructing Water-based Exercise	Recognised Aqua Aerobics Instructor level 2.

The teacher/tutor will have relevant industry experience. In addition, they will need to have or be working towards a valid teaching qualification.

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The Assessor

The assessor must meet the same requirements as the teacher/tutor. In addition the assessor will need to have or be working towards a recognised assessing qualification such as an A1 (previously known as a D32/33).

The assessor may also be the teacher/tutor for the unit/qualification.

The Internal Verifier

The Internal Verifier must meet the same requirements as the assessor. In addition, the internal verifier will need to have or be working towards a recognised internal verifier qualification such as a V1 (previously known as D34).

In most cases the tutor will also be the assessor. The IV cannot have been involved in the process of the delivery or assessment of the learners for the unit that they are internally verifying. Centres may employ external staff to deliver, assess and IV on this qualification if required.

Alternative qualifications if centres are unable to meet staffing requirements for Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services

If centres are unable to meet the revised approval conditions an option available to centres would be to register learners to the *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport (720 GLH) 603/0460/1* instead. This qualification is the same size, offers some overlap of units with the Fitness Services qualification, and has been included on the list for performance points in 2019. It is also not subject to any of the new staffing and approval requirements, so if in September 2017 centres prefer to register all their new learners on this qualification instead, they can do so.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss your options then please contact your Subject Advisor, Penny Lewis, via email on teachingpeandsport@pearson.com

How to apply for approval to run Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services (720 GLH) (601/7215/0)

Centres will be required to demonstrate evidence of teaching staff expertise as part of the approval process.

If you're already an approved Pearson centre, or are a new centre who would like to offer this qualification, you can find out how to gain approval to offer vocational qualifications at:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/centre-administration/qualification-approval.html/EO>