

Vehicle Technology

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Certificate

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Vehicle Technology?

The BTEC National Certificate in Vehicle Technology provides you with education and training for employment in the vehicle maintenance and repair sectors. The qualification will give you an understanding of the necessary skills and knowledge to begin professional work, move on further study, or progress in your current career.

The course is designed to be adaptable to your abilities and needs: it consists of three core units plus a choice of specialist units (totalling 720 guided learning hours). The range of specialist units available allows you to focus on your interests or explore new areas, such as operation of vehicle systems, light vehicle suspension, steering and braking systems or vehicle fault diagnosis and rectification. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. Successful candidates can hope to explore positions such as motor vehicle mechanic/technician or motor vehicle body repairer/rebuilder/refinisher.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Certificate in Vehicle Technology has the equivalence of two GCE A Levels, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is largely dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take two academic years to complete but it may be studied for longer.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Vehicle Technology are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First in Vehicle Technology and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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