

# Vehicle Technology

## Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Diploma

### What is the Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Vehicle Technology?

The BTEC National Diploma in Vehicle Technology provides you with specialised knowledge of the vehicle maintenance and repair sectors. The qualification provides you with the skills needed to begin a career in vehicle repair and maintenance, or to progress to a more responsible job within your current employment.

The course is flexible and you can adapt it to your needs and abilities: it consists of four core units plus a choice of specialist units (with a combined total of 1080 guided learning hours). The range of specialist units offered allows you to focus on your interests or explore new areas, such as engineering design, heavy vehicle braking systems or vehicle engine management systems. 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. A successful candidate can choose to explore careers such as: motor vehicle mechanic/technician or motor vehicle body repairer/rebuilder/refinisher.

#### Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Diploma in Vehicle Technology has the equivalence of three 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 Diploma 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](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/btec)

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