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Supporting information
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We’re excited to announce that in September 2019 there will be 4 brand new suites of BTEC Level 3 Nationals for the sport sector:

- Sport, Fitness and Personal Training
- Sports Coaching and Development
- Sport and Outdoor Activities
- Sporting Excellence and Performance

Each suite contains different sizes - so there will be 14 qualifications in total.
What makes these qualifications special?

These new qualifications:

• are internally assessed

• were developed in collaboration with professional bodies and key industry stakeholders

• are mapped to industry standards, allowing for direct access to employment in some instances

• help prepare learners for work but also attract UCAS points supporting progression to HE
What makes these qualifications special?

They include:

• New large 180GLH units allowing for holistic delivery and assessment.

• 2 common early units (units A and B) across all 4 suites, focused on careers, health and wellbeing. This makes getting started with the different suites together easier.

• A research project unit, a Pearson set theme and topic, where the provider sets and marks the assessments in the same way as any other unit.

Please note: these qualifications will not be included in performance measures in England.
Students applying for professional body membership

Professional body membership is applicable to some of the qualifications on offer, giving learners an edge when seeking work in each industry. This includes:

- **Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA):** Students can apply for CIMSPA membership here, during or after their studies.
- **The Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS):** select qualifications will enable you to join the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs).
- **Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL):** after completing the Diploma or Extended Diploma size in Sport and Outdoor Activities, learners can apply to be an ‘Associate Member’ with the IOL. Once they have the equivalent of at least one years’ full-time relevant work-based practice (need not be contiguous) they will be entitled to apply to be a Registered Member of the Institute for Outdoor Learning.

We’ll go into more detail about which qualifications allow membership to which professional bodies in the next few sections of this guide.
UCAS points

The qualifications are part of the reformed Pearson BTEC Level 3 National qualifications suite and attract the same UCAS points as all other qualifications in the suite.
Delivery guidance for all qualifications

The smaller size qualifications can be taught in any order.

In all qualifications there is a strong relationship between units C and D. It is strongly recommended that C is always taught, delivered and assessed before beginning unit D.

Unit E is always a year 2 unit.
BTEC Nationals in 

Sports Coaching and Development
Sports Coaching and Development: the sizes

In this suite there are 4 qualification sizes:

• BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sports Coaching (603/4930/X)

• BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (603/4931/1)

• BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (603/4932/3)

• BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development (603/4933/5)
# Sports Coaching and Development: mapping to standards

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The qualification suite is CIMSPA endorsed: learners have the opportunity to **enter the workforce directly** as a multi skills Assistant Coach or Coach by applying for CIMSPA membership.

Please note centres needs to comply with CIMSPA’s practical assessment requirements. Please reference the essential assessment information in the specification.
BTEC Nationals in
Sport, Fitness and Personal Training
Sport, Fitness and Personal Training: the sizes

In this suite there are 4 qualification sizes:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness (603/4925/6)
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Fitness (603/4927/X)
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training (603/4928/1)
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training (603/4929/3)
## Sport, Fitness and Personal Training: mapping to standards

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Sport, Fitness and Personal Training: professional body endorsement - REPS and CIMSPA

This qualification suite has received full endorsement from REPS and CIMSPA. This means that after their studies, learners may enter the workforce in roles such as Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer.

- It is a pre-requisite that you need to teach the smaller sizes of the qualification (Ext Cert, Fnd Dip) linked to the Gym Instructor role before the larger sizes (Dip, Ext Dip), linking to Personal Trainer.

- Learners have to be 18 to enter the workforce.

Important: please note that additional staffing requirements are in place for the Sport, Fitness and Personal Training suite of qualifications - see the specification for more details.

Please note centres needs to comply with CIMSPA's practical assessment requirements. Please reference the essential assessment information in the specification.
BTEC Nationals in

Sporting Excellence and Performance
Sporting Excellence and Performance: the sizes

In this suite there are 3 qualification sizes:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sporting Excellence and Performance (603/4922/0)
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance (603/4923/2)
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance (603/4924/4)
Sporting Excellence and Performance: industry involvement

- These qualifications have been designed with the support of some prestigious industry employers and professional bodies.
- They map to the knowledge of the Sporting Excellence Professional apprenticeship standard.
- Additional staffing requirements for centres delivering optional Unit C2: Fitness Skills Development.
- Centres delivering optional units C1 and C2 must follow CIMSPA practical assessment requirements.
Sporting Excellence and Performance

• Qualification is restricted access, quote from specification:

These qualifications are intended to be taken by learners who are training with, or affiliated to, a recognised National Governing Body and/or have contract links with professional sports bodies, where the programme of study involves performance in regular organised competitive sport, with the intended purpose of progression to employment as an elite performer, or in elite performance.

Centres have access to appropriate sports facilities, suitable delivery staff and access to sports specific coaching staff to deliver a performance programme of this nature.

Centres will need to apply for qualification approval via the approval process at Pearson. On receipt of this, a panel at Pearson will review the application and approval will be granted or not approved. The criteria needs to be adhered to and maintained and is subject to be checked annually by Standards Verifiers. If this is not met, approval and certification may be withdrawn.

Centres who do not meet these requirements should consider a more appropriate qualification for their learners, such as the BTEC Nationals in Sports Coaching and Development, BTEC Nationals in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training, BTEC Nationals in Sport or BTEC Nationals in Sport and Outdoor Activities.
BTEC Nationals in

Sport and Outdoor Activities
Sport and Outdoor Activities: titles

In this suite there are 3 qualification sizes:

• BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities (603/4919/0)
• BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities (603/4919/0)
• BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities (603/4921/9)
## Sport and Outdoor Activities: mapping to standards

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Sport and Outdoor Activities: key features

- The Sport and Outdoor Activities qualification suite is endorsed by the Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL) and supported by many employers in the sector.

- There is a mandatory 20 hours of work experience.

- Please note centres needs to comply with CIMSPA's practical assessment requirements. Please reference the essential assessment information in the specification.

- Generally employers say you have to be the following age ranges to enter employment in these roles:
  - Assistant Outdoor Activity Instructor - usually 16+
  - Outdoor Activity Instructor - usually 18+
Q&As
1. Are there any assessment requirements we need to be aware of?
Yes, the CIMSPA practical assessment requirements. Please refer to the essential assessment information in the specifications. In short, any practical assessment that is mapped to the industry standards has specific assessment requirements.

2. Are there any additional approval requirements or restrictions for the qualifications?
Yes, for the Sporting Performance and Excellence qualifications there are some requirements and restrictions. You can find further information in the supporting document and relevant specification.

3. Are there any additional centre staffing requirements needed for the qualifications?
Yes, there are additional centre staffing requirements needed for the Sport, fitness and Personal Training qualifications as well as those selecting unit C2 in the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National in Sporting Excellence and Performance.

4. Are the new qualifications on performance tables?
No the qualifications are not on performance tables.

5. Do the new qualifications attract UCAS points?
Yes, they are part of the reformed Pearson BTEC Level 3 National qualifications suite and attract the same UCAS points as all other qualifications in the suite.

6. Are we making any changes to other BTECs in sport?
Yes, we will be withdrawing BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services for new registrations from 1 sept 2020. Please note this only applies to this Tech Level Diploma size qualification, and the rest of the BTEC Nationals in Sport remain unaffected.

7. Can I still teach the BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport (QCF) and BTEC Level 3 Nationals (RQF)?
BTEC Level 3 Nationals (RQF) continue to be available. Click here for the specifications and other support material for this qualification. We also offer the BTEC Nationals (QCF) in Sport qualifications, for more information, click here.

8. Is it recommended that the specifications are taught in a particular order?
Yes, due to industry standards, we have included some delivery guidance on page 7 of this document.

9. Will there be some support to deliver the qualifications?
Yes, we are producing Authorised Assignment Briefs and Teaching and Learning Packs - coming soon.