

A grayscale photograph of a young woman wearing a dark hijab and round glasses. She is smiling broadly and looking slightly to the left. She is holding a white cord, possibly for headphones or a microphone, in her right hand. The background is bright and out of focus.

# **Pearson** **Level 7 Qualifications:** University Progression

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## University Progression and Recognition

This document outlines universities and higher education institutions that have indicated they will consider one or more Pearson BTEC Level 7 qualification, specifically our Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership (SM&L) for postgraduate study or credit exemption.

**Please note:** This is not an exhaustive list. Many other institutions worldwide may also accept BTEC Level 7 qualifications. Learners are strongly encouraged to research potential progression routes and contact universities directly before applying.

### Important Considerations

- **Recognition ≠ Admission:** Recognition of a qualification does not guarantee admission. Learners must meet specific university entry requirements, which may include subject relevance, credit thresholds, and professional experience.
- **Admission Criteria May Change:** University policies and entry requirements are subject to change. Always verify the latest information with the institution.
- **Country-Specific Approaches:** Recognition and use of BTEC Level 7 qualifications vary by country. In some regions, these qualifications are formally recognised by national education bodies or professional frameworks, which can support university acceptance.

### Qualification Sizes

Pearson offers three sizes of the Level 7 qualification:

- **Certificate (20 credits):** A short, focused introduction to strategic management and leadership.
- **Diploma (60 credits):** A broader programme covering strategic change, marketing, HR, and more.
- **Extended Diploma (120 credits):** A comprehensive postgraduate-level programme designed to prepare learners for senior leadership roles.

**Reminder:** Recognition of a Level 7 qualification does not automatically mean it will be accepted for the specific course or pathway a learner is applying to. Always verify with the admissions office.

This list is regularly updated as we receive new information from universities. If you would like us to discuss BTEC Level 7 recognition with a university, please contact us at: [progression@pearson.com](mailto:progression@pearson.com)

# Level 7 Recognition

**Table 1:** Highlights institutions that offer specific progression pathways from Level 7 BTEC Strategic Management and Leadership to postgraduate qualifications. These progression pathways often enable advanced credit, however, **check for additional requirements**, such as work experience, English language proficiency, or supplementary documentation (e.g. transcripts, unit descriptors).

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## Table 1: Advanced Credit

University	Country	Potential Credit Transfer
Ajeenkya DY Patil University	India	Yes: MBA top-up (60 credit)
Cardiff Metropolitan University	UK	Yes: MBA top-up (60 credit)
London Studio Centre (Dance and Musical Theatre)	UK	Assessed individually
Queen Mary, University of London	UK	Encourage application for assessment
The University of East London	UK	Assessed individually
The University of Portsmouth	UK	Yes: MA Business Management (Top-up) 60 Credits, MA Business and Computer Studies (Top-up) 60 Credits, MA/MSc Professional Studies (Top-up) 60 credits
The University of Reading	UK	Yes: Up to 60 credits for MA/MSc programmes, subject to assessment
The University of Sunderland	UK	Yes: MBA (60 credit top-up), MBA (HRM) (60 credit top-up)
The University of Wolverhampton (India)	India	Assessed individually
University of the West of England, Bristol	UK	Assessed individually
Auckland Institute of Studies	New Zealand	Limited cross credits possible, up to 60 credits for MBA
EM Normandie Business School Dubai	UAE	Assessed individually
dBs Institute	UK	Assessed individually
London Studio Centre	UK	Assessed individually
Virscend University	US	Assessed individually
Westford University College (Canterbury Christ Church)	UAE/UK	MBA International (Top-up) - Awarded by Canterbury Christ Church University, UK (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time)
Westford University College (Cardiff Metropolitan University)	UAE/UK	Potential Credit for MBA - Awarded by Cardiff Metropolitan

		University, UK: (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time)
Westford University College (University of Gloucestershire)	UAE/UK	Potential Credit for MBA - Awarded by University of Gloucestershire, UK (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time)
Nottingham Trent University	UK	Yes for MA/ MSc but cannot use credits on MBA due to AMBA accreditation rules.
Middlesex University	UK	Assessed individually
Middlesex University Mauritius Campus	Mauritius	Assessed individually
University of Sunderland (Hong Kong)	Hong Kong	Assessed individually

## Table 2: Level 7 Recognition

Universities that consider applications from students with a broad range of L7 qualifications (but do not specify credit transfers) are highlighted in **Table 2**.

**Contact the university directly** to confirm whether the Pearson BTEC Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership qualification is accepted and whether advanced credits can be applied. **Check for additional requirements**, such as work experience, English language proficiency, or supplementary documentation (e.g. transcripts, unit descriptors).

Institution	Country	Institution	Country
Abingdon and Witney College	United Kingdom	The University of Huddersfield	United Kingdom
ACM (Association of Contemporary Music)			
Guildford Limited	United Kingdom	The University of Kent	United Kingdom
Ajeenkya DY Patil University	India	The University of Leicester	United Kingdom
American University in the Emirates	UAE	The University of Portsmouth	United Kingdom
Arden University	United Kingdom	The University of Reading	United Kingdom
Arts University Plymouth	United Kingdom	The University of South Wales	United Kingdom
Ascencia Malta	Malta	The University of Southampton	United Kingdom
Auckland Institute of Studies	New Zealand	The University of Sunderland	United Kingdom
Britts Imperial University College	UAE	The University of Sunderland (Hong Kong)	Hong Kong

Canberra University	Australia	The University of the West of Scotland	United Kingdom
Cardiff Metropolitan University	United Kingdom	The University of Westminster	United Kingdom
City and Guilds London Arts school	United Kingdom	The University of Wolverhampton (India)	India
City and Guilds of London Art School	United Kingdom	Uni of Bolton (University of Greater Manchester)	
Coventry University	United Kingdom	Ras Al Khaimah Campus	UAE
Coventry University (Egypt Campus)	Egypt	University College Birmingham	United Kingdom
Coventry University (India Campus)	India	University for the Creative Arts	United Kingdom
Coventry University (Kazakhstan Campus)	Kazakhstan	University of Bolton RAK	
Coventry University (London Campus)	United Kingdom	University of East London	United Kingdom
Coventry University (Poland Campus)	Poland	University of Hertfordshire	United Kingdom
Coventry University (Scarborough Campus)	United Kingdom	University of Huddersfield	United Kingdom
dBs Institute	UK	University of Kent	United Kingdom
Edinburgh Napier University	United Kingdom	University of Leicester	United Kingdom
EM Normendie Business School Dubai	UAE	University of London	United Kingdom
Glasgow School of Art	United Kingdom	University of Plymouth	United Kingdom
Griffith University	Australia	University of Reading	United Kingdom
Griffith University (Gold Coast)	Australia	University of South Wales	United Kingdom
Harper Adams University	United Kingdom	University of the Arts, London	United Kingdom
Humboldt State University	United States	University of the West of England, Bristol	United Kingdom
IMI International Management Institute Switzerland	Switzerland	University of the West of Scotland	United Kingdom
Linfield University	United States	University of Wales	
London Studio Centre (Dance and Musical Theatre)	UK	Trinity Saint David	United Kingdom
Middlesex University	United Kingdom	University of Westminster	United Kingdom
Middlesex University Mauritius Campus	Mauritius	Virscend University	US
Norland College	United Kingdom	West Dean College	United Kingdom
		Westford University College	UAE
		Wichita State University	United States

Northern School of Contemporary Dance	United Kingdom	William Woods University	United States
Plymouth University	United Kingdom		
Point Blank Music School	United Kingdom		
Queen Mary, University of London	United Kingdom		
Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance	United Kingdom		
Royal Academy of Music	United Kingdom		
SAE University College, Dubai	UAE		
Sheffield Hallam University	United Kingdom		
Suffolk University, Boston	United States		
The Engineering and Design Institute London	United Kingdom		
The London Interdisciplinary School Ltd	United Kingdom		
The Nottingham Trent University	United Kingdom		
The University of East London	United Kingdom		
The University of Hertfordshire	United Kingdom		