

BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Knowledge of Providing Security Services.

This policy is operational from 1 July 2011. The information below is included in the final specification and replaces the previous text on page 9 of the pre-publication specification.

Externally-assessed units

Some learners may not be required to take the learning or the assessment for the externally-assessed units. Details are given in the table below.

Category of learner	Must learners undertake the SIA-prescribed contact time and GLH in <i>Annexe B</i> ?	Must learners take the test for the relevant unit*?	Other requirements?
A. Learners who have already passed a QCF unit as part of a licence-linked qualification	No	No**	None.
B. Learners who achieved NQF licence-linked units and hold a current SIA licence	No	No**	(1) The learner must be enrolled on an apprenticeship programme. (2) The employer must have a system of development to keep the learner's knowledge and skills up to date. This system must identify gaps in knowledge between the NQF and QCF units, and the centre should keep evidence that this learning has been delivered.
C. Learners who achieved NQF licence-linked units less than 3 years ago but do not hold a current SIA licence.	No	Yes	(1) The learner must be enrolled on an apprenticeship programme. (2) Although SIA rules on GLH and contact time do not apply, it is strongly recommended that learners are given revision and preparation for the tests.
D. Learners who achieved NQF licence-linked units more than 3 years ago but do not hold a current SIA licence.	Yes	Yes	None.

* For information about relevant NQF units and their QCF equivalents, see *Annexe H*.

** For information on how to claim externally-assessed units in this way, refer to 'Recognition of Previous Achievement' in the BTEC Security Test Management Handbook.

Centres must retain evidence that learners fall into categories A, B or C. For categories A and B, this must include evidence that they hold a current licence and copies of certificates of their licence-linked qualifications. To decide whether a learner falls into category C or D, the time elapsed should be calculated by establishing (1) the date on which the NQF certificate was awarded (2) the date on which QCF tests are due to be taken.