

# Additional Guidance on entry requirements for Science for Pharmacy Technician qualifications

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians 603/5160/3 and Pearson

BTEC Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians (integrated apprenticeship) 603/6304/6

## **Guidance on entry requirements**

This guidance is to clarify the minimum requirements and equivalency of science for the purpose of the qualifications; however, providers and employers may still wish to apply their own additional for entry requirements for trainee pharmacy technicians.

The qualification specification currently states:

*To register for this qualification, learners must be working in a pharmacy environment, having secured a placement as a pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician, and have GCSE pass grades (C or above) or equivalent qualifications in English, mathematics and science, an acceptable reference for good character and an acceptable self-declaration for health.*

*Centres must follow the guidance given in the document A guide to recruiting learners onto Pearson qualifications (see Section 8 Access and recruitment).*

The equivalency for science requirements has been an ongoing conversation with GPhC. To align our qualification entry requirements with the IET standards (**other academic**

*requirements or experience equivalent to national level 2 or above*) and to maintain the integrity of the qualification, we would like to clarify that the equivalency for science can be evidenced through:

- Substantial experience of working in pharmacy environment as a pharmacy service assistant in UK or internationally, substantial experience means a minimum of two years **and /or**
- Learners must have completed a level 2 qualification in Pharmacy **and**
- Centres must carry out screening using one of the science related unit assignments for Level 3 qualification to satisfy that the learner can meet the science requirements at level 3
- All other entry requirements remain same as stated in the specification