



Guide to Funding and Support

Post-16 Level 3 and Level 2 vocational qualifications reform programme

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Post-16 Level 3 and below pathways: government responses

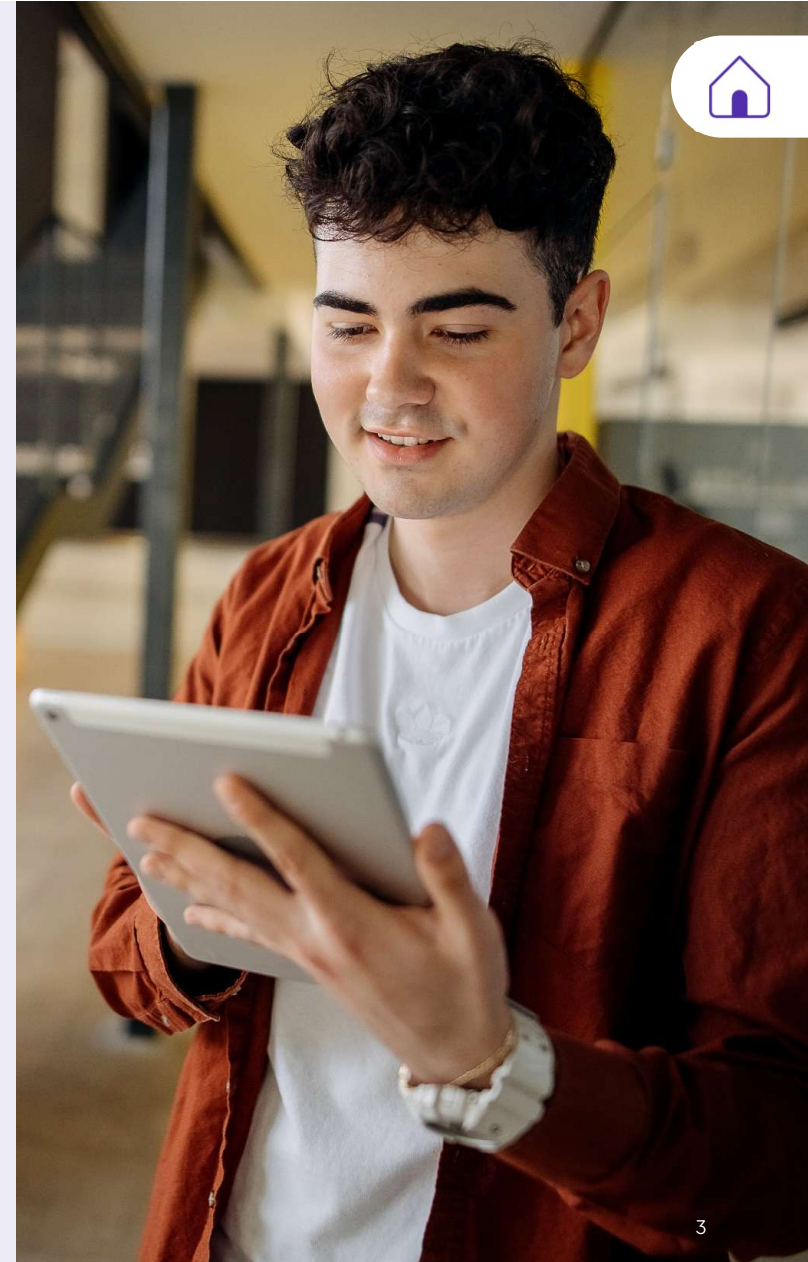
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Level 3 vocational qualifications

V Level = 360 GLH

The government aims to have only one V Level in a subject.

Depending on the occupational route, there could be more than one V Level in a route. However, it has been confirmed there will only be one V Level per route in the initial 2027 qualifications.

Exceptional case

Will consider whether a V Level may be 'partnered' with one other V Level from the same route. A maximum of two V Level subjects in the same route can be studied together for 720 GLH.

Range of Subjects

DfE will continue to refine the range of subjects to ensure they relate to the priority areas of the economy, such as those linked to the growth-driving sectors as set out in the Industrial Strategy.

T Levels

DfE will continue to test the viability of new T Levels including consideration of whether further design flexibilities are required and proportionate.





Level 2 vocational qualifications

Foundation Certificates

Size range of 240 to 300 GLH in a single year.

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Occupational Certificates

- Variable in size –540–720 GLH
- Two-year study programme.
- Support tailored to preparing students for entry to work and which aims to be enriching and inspiring.

Foundation Certificates study programme

- Provides meaningful vocational area content and practical learning.
- Leaves sufficient time for English and/or maths.
- Ensures time for enrichment, employability, and pastoral (EEP) provision.
- Enables supported preparation for level 3.
- Provides flexibility for students with SEND or other forms of disadvantage.
- Fits within the expected hours of a full-time study programme.





Future 16 to 19 Level 3 and Level 2 landscape summary

LEVEL 3 OR LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIPS (WORK-BASED)	LEVEL 2	Foundation Certificates – Further Study Pathway (classroom-based) - For students who want to, and are capable of, progressing onto further study on a level 3 pathway, whether T Levels, V Levels or A Levels, after one additional year at level 2. - Strong focus on English and maths, alongside other enrichment activity and exposure to level 3 study. - Sat over 1 year, providing a balance of breadth and depth in a broad vocational area, with content set nationally – 240–300 GLH - Foundation Certificates focus on applied and practical learning, with content aligned to the level 3 options they support progression onto.	Occupational Certificates – Occupational Pathway (classroom-based) - For students who want to enter a particular level 2 occupation and need to develop their technical knowledge and skills over 2 years, with the aim of progressing into skilled employment in relevant level 2 roles. - Tailored to support progression to work, including employability and enrichment activity. - Sat over 2 years – GLH driven by the relevant occupational standard – 540–720 GLH - Strong focus on English and maths. - Broad introductory content based on the occupational standards and set nationally, as well as occupation specific content.	
	LEVEL 3	V Levels (classroom-based) - Provide broad, vocational qualifications for students who wish to explore a range of routes. 360 GLH, to be studied alongside other qualifications such as other V Levels, A Levels or an English or maths retake. - Blend applied learning with practical assessment, and content will be linked to occupational standards and set nationally. - Enable progression to related higher education or an apprenticeship.	T Levels (classroom-based) - The classroom-based technical route for students who know which broad career area they want to pursue. - A single, large qualification, 1080 GLH (for new T Levels onwards) equivalent to three A Levels. - Based on occupational standards. - Includes a minimum 45-day industry placement. - Combine route-specific core content with a specialist component that develops threshold competence in an occupation. - Enable progression to related higher education, apprenticeships, or skilled employment.	AS/A Levels

Source: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69aefbedbde9c3f213c89a2e/Post-16_level_3_and_below_pathways_government_consultation_response.pdf



Ofqual Proposed Conditions and Requirements

	Foundation Certificates – Further Study Pathway Structure: Modular - synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid) Assessment Windows: 1 or 2 per year External Assessment: 40% - set and marked by AO - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task) Internal Assessment: 60% - set by AO, can be marked by AO or marked/graded by centre and moderated Grading: Pass/Merit/Distinction (plus U); compensatory aggregation allowed Aggregation: Compensation allowed	Occupational Certificates – Occupational Pathway Structure: Modular - synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid) Assessment Windows: 1 or 2 per year External Assessment: 30% - set and marked by AO - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task) Internal Assessment: 70% - set by AO, can be marked/graded by AO or marked by centre and moderated Grading: Pass/Merit/Distinction (plus U); compensatory aggregation allowed Aggregation: Compensation allowed
LEVEL 3	V Levels Structure: Modular with terminal external assessment requirement; synopticity mandatory; mixed methods (exam - practical/performance - projects where valid) Assessment Windows: 1 per year for internal, 1 per year for external assessment in May or June External Assessment: 40% - set and marked by AO. Must be sat terminally (at the end of the qualification) - can be assessed via exam or other timetabled assessment method (written task, practical task) Internal Assessment: 60% - set by AO, marked numerically by AO or by centre and moderated Grading: A*–E (plus U) and P (below E); comparable grade boundaries to maintain standards over time Aggregation: Compensation through numerical marking	

Source: [Regulating post-16 vocational and technical qualifications at levels 2 and 3 - GOV.UK](#)

Summary of outcomes for Pearson BTEC qualifications

Confirms the introduction of new Level 2 pathways and a third vocational route at Level 3 – V Levels – alongside A levels and T Levels, recognising that learners need choice as they progress into work, further study or higher education.



Funding in 2026/27

The government has confirmed that no additional existing qualifications will have their funding removed in 2026/27.

This means the following qualifications will remain funded:

- **BTEC National Extended Diplomas** (1,080 GLH) in Health and Social Care, Applied Science, IT, Computing, and Forensics.
- **BTEC National Diplomas** (720 GLH) in Health and Social Care, Applied Science, IT, Computing and Forensics.
- **BTEC National Foundation Diploma** in Forensics (510 GLH).
- **BTEC National Extended Certificate** (360 GLH) and Certificate (180 GLH) in Applied Psychology.



Funding from 2027/28

Changes to qualification funding will begin on a phased basis.

Level 3

- **BTEC National Extended Diplomas (1,080 GLH)** will have funding removed where a T Level is available.
 - As a result, Extended Diplomas in Agriculture, Animal Management, Business, Digital, Enterprise, Engineering, Horticulture and Forestry, Marketing, Media, and Science will no longer be available for new learners from 2027/28.
- **The BTEC National Extended Diploma** in Health and Social Care will remain available in 2027/28.
- **BTEC Nationals (720 GLH and below)** in IT and Computing will have funding removed and will be replaced V Level(s).
- **The BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (AAQ)** will have funding removed and will be replaced by the V Level.

Level 2

- The Level 2 Technical qualification in Early Year Practitioners will have funding removed and will be replaced by new level 2 qualifications.



Introduction of V Levels and Level 2 pathways

The government has confirmed that V Levels, and the two new Level 2 pathways will be first introduced from 2027/28 in a limited number of sectors.

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- **V Levels** in Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting.
- **Level 2 Foundation Certificates** leading to further study in Education and Early Years, and Digital.
- **Level 2 Occupational Certificates** leading to work or an apprenticeship in Education and Early Years.

First teach for qualification routes

Post-16 Reform: Implementation timelines

First teach for qualification routes

Tranche	Academic Year	Level 2		Level 3	
		Occupational Certificates	Foundation Certificates	V Levels	T Levels
1	2027/2028	Catering and Hospitality <u>Early Years Practitioners</u>	<u>Digital Systems and Data</u> <u>Education</u>	<u>Accounting and Finance</u> <u>Digital Systems and Data</u> <u>Education</u>	
2	2028/2029	Business and Finance Health and Care Services Healthcare and Science Construction (On-site) Construction (Finishing Trades) Engineering and Manufacturing Sports and Leisure	Business, Administration and Law Health and Care Services Construction and the Built Environment Engineering and Manufacturing Science Sport, Fitness and Exercise Science	Applied Research and Technology Construction Design Engineering Design Health Social Care Healthcare and Clinical Technologies Legal Services Leisure, Exercise and Sport Management, Procurement and Supply Chains Marketing and Retail	Social Care Sport
3	2029/2030	Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care Hair and Beauty Horticulture and Floristry	Agriculture, Land Management and Animal Care Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics Hospitality and Catering Protective Services	Agriculture and Land Management Animal Care and Management Protective Services	Catering and Hospitality Expansion of Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care Expansion of Creative and Design Hair and Beauty Protective Services
4	2030/2031	Creative and Design – CAD Technician (2D Design)	Creative, Media and Design Performing Arts Travel and Tourism	Art and Performing Arts Creative, Media and Design Travel and Tourism	Art and Performing Arts Travel and Tourism



Transition timeline in England – post consultation

2026/2027

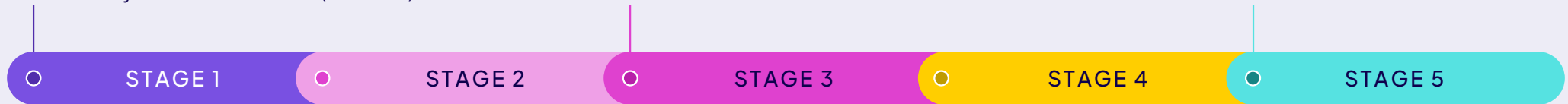
- No changes to defunding.
- BTEC AAQs and L2&3 TOEQs remain available.
- Development of L2 and L3 qualifications in first four sectors – Tranche 1:
 - Finance and Accounting (L3 only)
 - Digital (L2 and L3)
 - Early Years and Education (L2 and L3)

2028/2029

- First teach Tranche 2.
- Defunding of corresponding legacy vocational.
- Development of Tranche 3.

2030/2031

- First Teach of Tranche 4.
- All industry routes (at Post-16 Level 2 and Level 3 V Levels available.
- Summer 2030 last stage of defunding for corresponding legacy vocational provision (at Level 2 and 3).



2027/2028

- Defunding of large BTECs in T level subjects.
- First teach Tranche 1.
- Development of Tranche 2 and new T Levels.

2029/2030

- First teach Tranche 3.
- Defunding of corresponding legacy vocational provision.
- Development of Tranche 4 and new T Levels.

Sector transition plans

including programmes of study examples

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Based on current information, further details on qualification titles, and full plan to be published in June 2026 by the DfE.

You are delivering BTECs in England in...

Click on the relevant sector
to see more information

[Art and Design](#)

[Business](#)

[Construction](#)

[Digital \(IT and
Computing\)](#)

[Early Years](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Esports](#)

[Health and
Social Care](#)

[Land-based](#)

[Media](#)

[Music](#)

[Performing Arts](#)

[Protective
Services](#)

[Science](#)

[Sport](#)

[Transport
and Logistics](#)

[Travel and Tourism](#)



Art and Design

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Expansion of Creative and Design

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
 - Creative, Media and Design
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Creative Media and Design
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - CAD Technician (2D)

T Level available and funded

- [Craft and Design](#)

The DfE will issue fuller guidance around the subjects within these areas in late 2027.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0448/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Art and Design	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7228/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7230/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/0447/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7229/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4666/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National 540 Diploma in Art and Design Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4667/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5277/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media Practice	642	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
6035544/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art and Design Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5547/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

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Business

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - [Accounting and Finance](#)

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Legal Services
 - Management, Procurement and Supply Chains
 - Marketing and Retail

T Levels available and funded

- [Accounting](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Legal Services](#)
- [Marketing](#)
- [Management and Administration](#)
(from September 2027)

[Review Level 2 information](#)
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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7155/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7159/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7161/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7157/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7160/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7414/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0301/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7528/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0303/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/5283/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Marketing	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/5282/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Marketing	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/5284/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Marketing	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/9042/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9043/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Law	360	✓	✓	x	x	x

Business



New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Business, Administration and Law
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - Business and Finance

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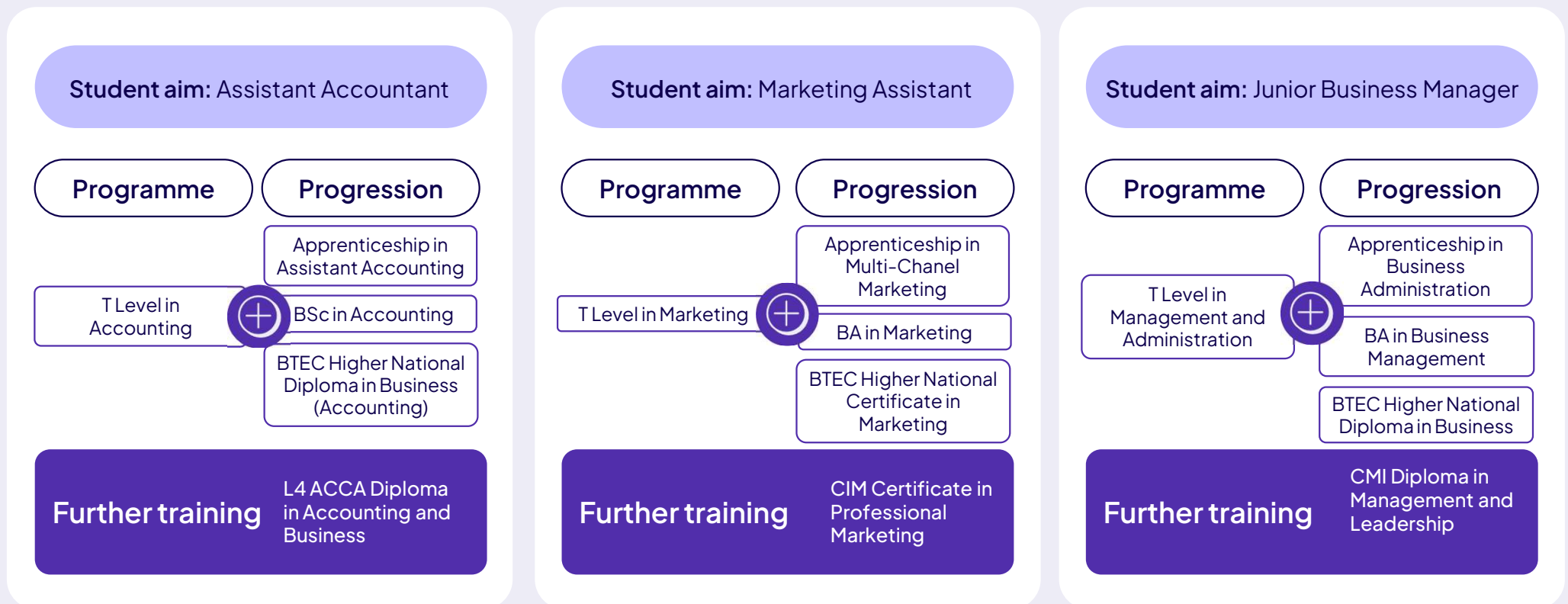
Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/3405/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/3424/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Customer Service	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0481/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Administration	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0482/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Enterprise	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/4786/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6815/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6816/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0171/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Business	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/3430/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/1900/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Marketing	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3840/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate for Retailers	✓	✓	x	x	x



Programmes of study examples

Pathway A: T levels

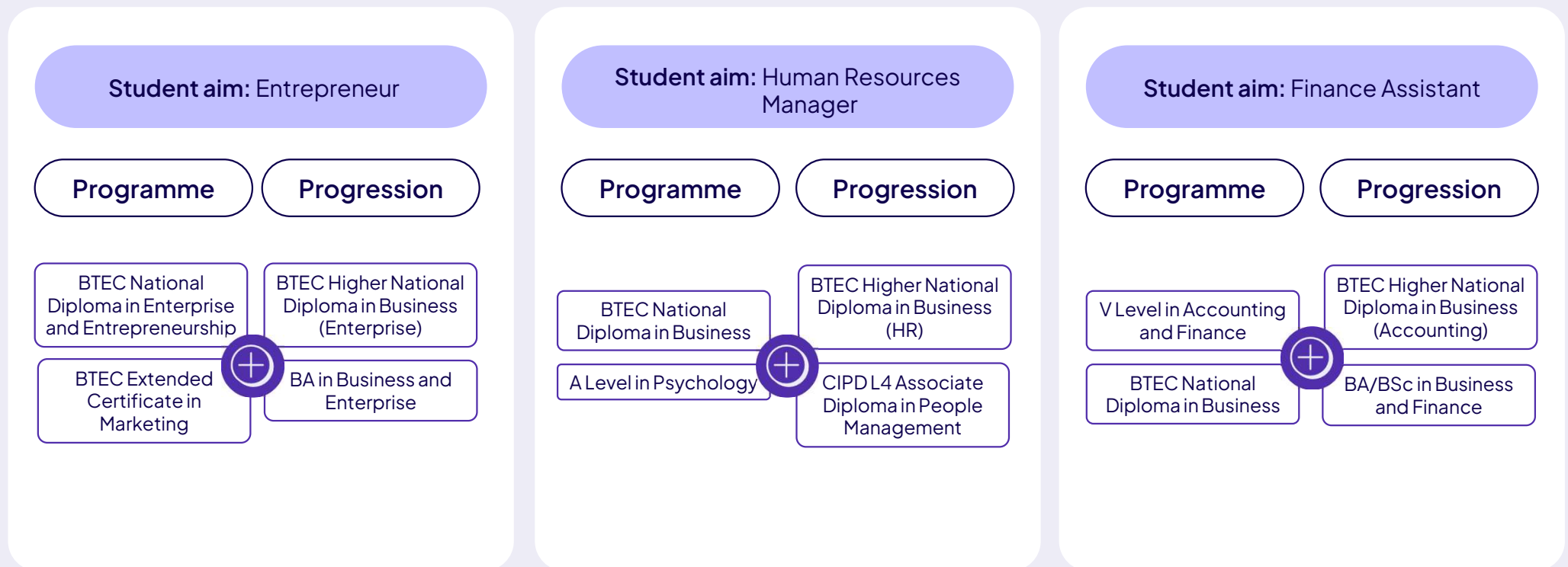


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Programmes of study examples

Pathway C: Mixed programme of study



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Construction

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Construction Design

T Levels available and funded

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- [Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)

Current BTEC qualifications remain available to apprentices, please refer to [Construction and the Built Environment \(2017\)](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/3959/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Construction and the Built Environment (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x

[Review Level 2 information](#)[Explore your subject page](#)



Construction

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Construction and the Built Environment
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)
 - Construction (On-site)
 - Construction (Finishing Trades)

Current BTEC qualifications remain available to apprentices, please refer to [Construction and the Built Environment \(2017\)](#)

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6817/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/7048/1	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0258/5	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/3254/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Construction Occupations	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/2842/3	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Cladding Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4225/0	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4226/2	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4326/6	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Interior Systems (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4327/8	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Interior Systems (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6184/0	Pearson Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6465/8	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plastering (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6466/X	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6556/0	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Specialist Concrete Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6565/1	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction)	✓	✓	x	x	x



Digital

(IT and Computing)

New qualifications will be introduced in:

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Level(s) (Level 3)
 - [Digital Systems and Data](#)

T Levels available and funded

- [Digital Data Analytics](#)
- [Digital Software Development](#)
- [Digital Support and Security](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6195/5	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Certificate)	180	✓	x	x	x	x
610/3960/3	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0455/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Information Technology	720	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0454/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Information Technology	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
610/6194/3	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Certificate)	180	✓	x	x	x	x
610/3963/9	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0445/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing	720	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7342/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing	1080	✓	x	x	x	x

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Digital

(IT and Computing)

New qualifications will be introduced in:

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - [Digital Systems and Data](#)

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)
 - Digital Administration

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

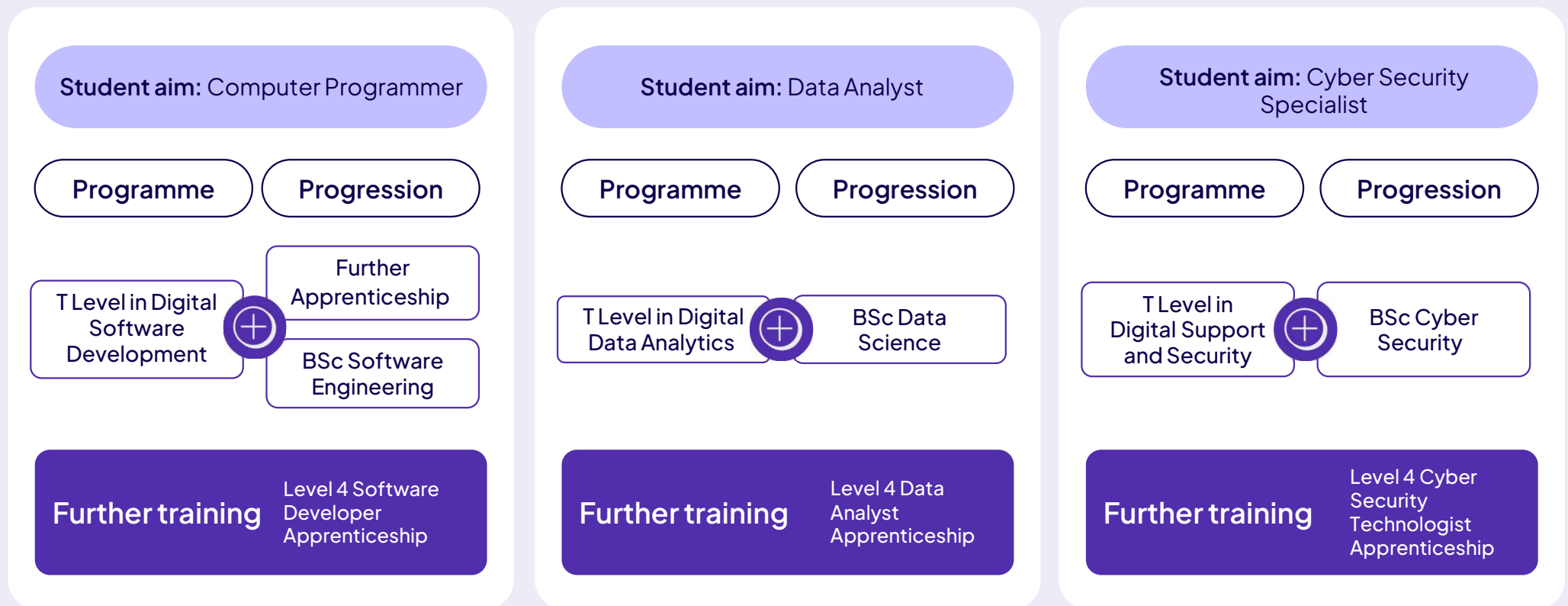
QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4789/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Information and Creative Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6071/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Information and Creative Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6072/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0169/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Information and Creative Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x
501/1290/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals	✓	✓	x	x	x
501/1381/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0510/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in IT Support	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0878/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Digital Technology	✓	✓	x	x	x

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Programmes of study examples

Pathway A: T levels

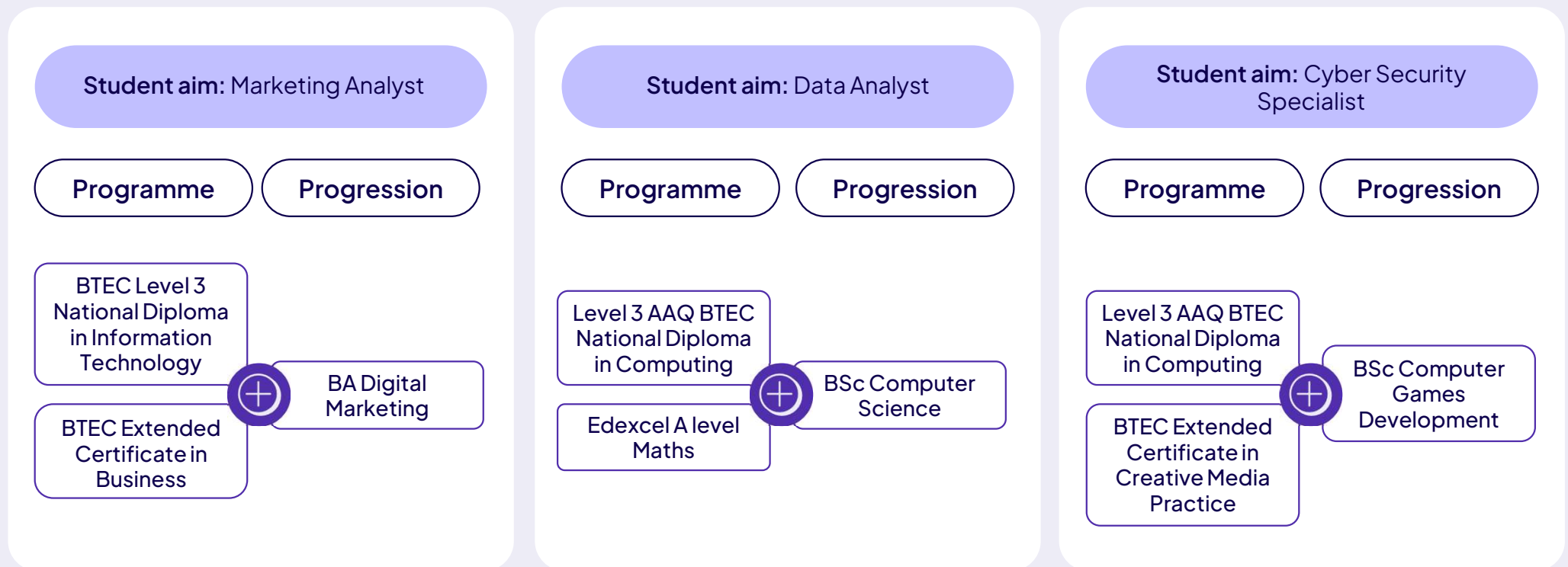


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Programmes of study examples

Pathway C: Mixed programme of study



Consider adding the [Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Extended Project Qualification in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) in addition to any of these programmes.

Refer to our programme of study guidance



Education and Early Years

New qualifications will be introduced in:

Academic Year 2027 to 2028

- V Level (Level 3)
 - [Education](#)
- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - [Education](#)
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - [Early Years Practitioner](#)

T Level available and funded

- Education and Early Years

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/3966/4	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	x	x	x	x

Level 2

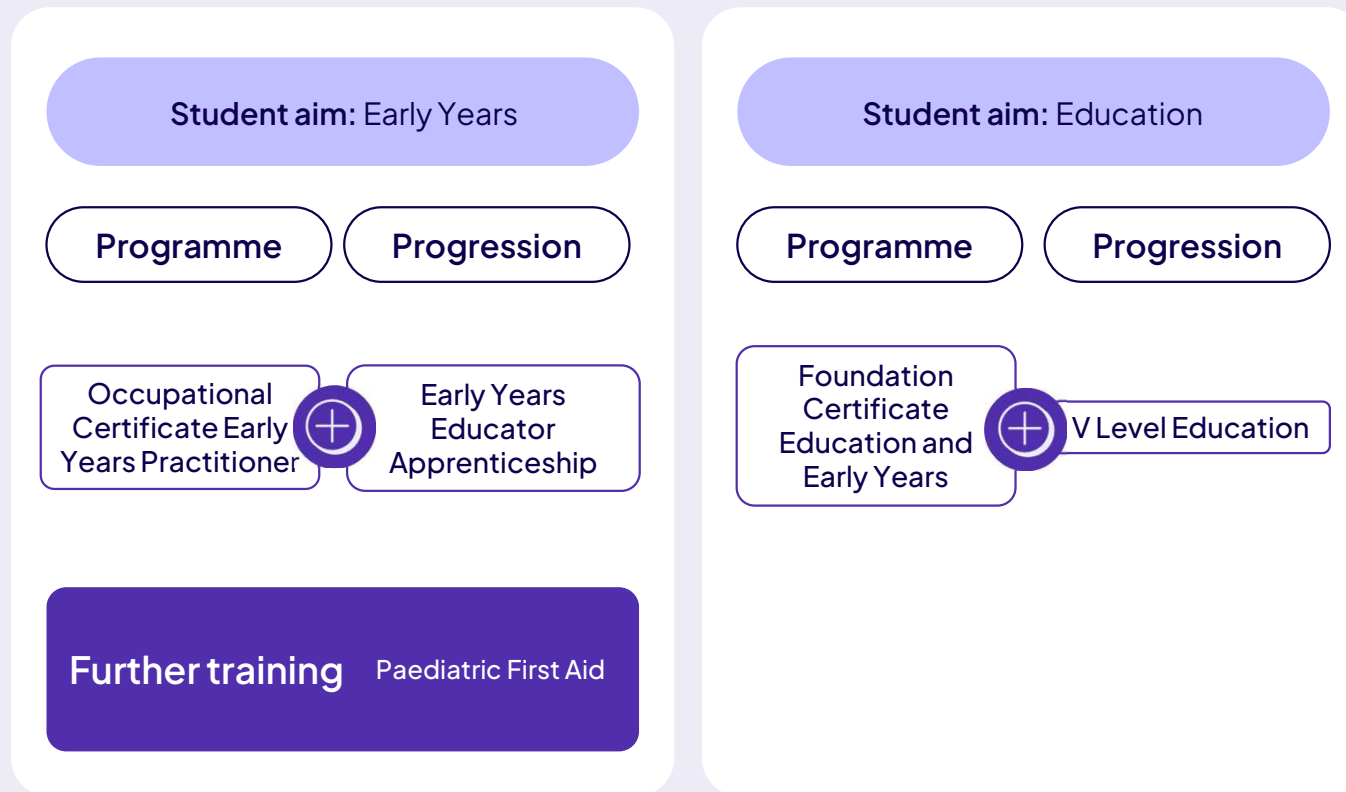
QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/4251/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioners (Diploma)	✓	x	x	x	x
603/4999/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioners	✓	x	x	x	x

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Programmes of study examples

Level 2

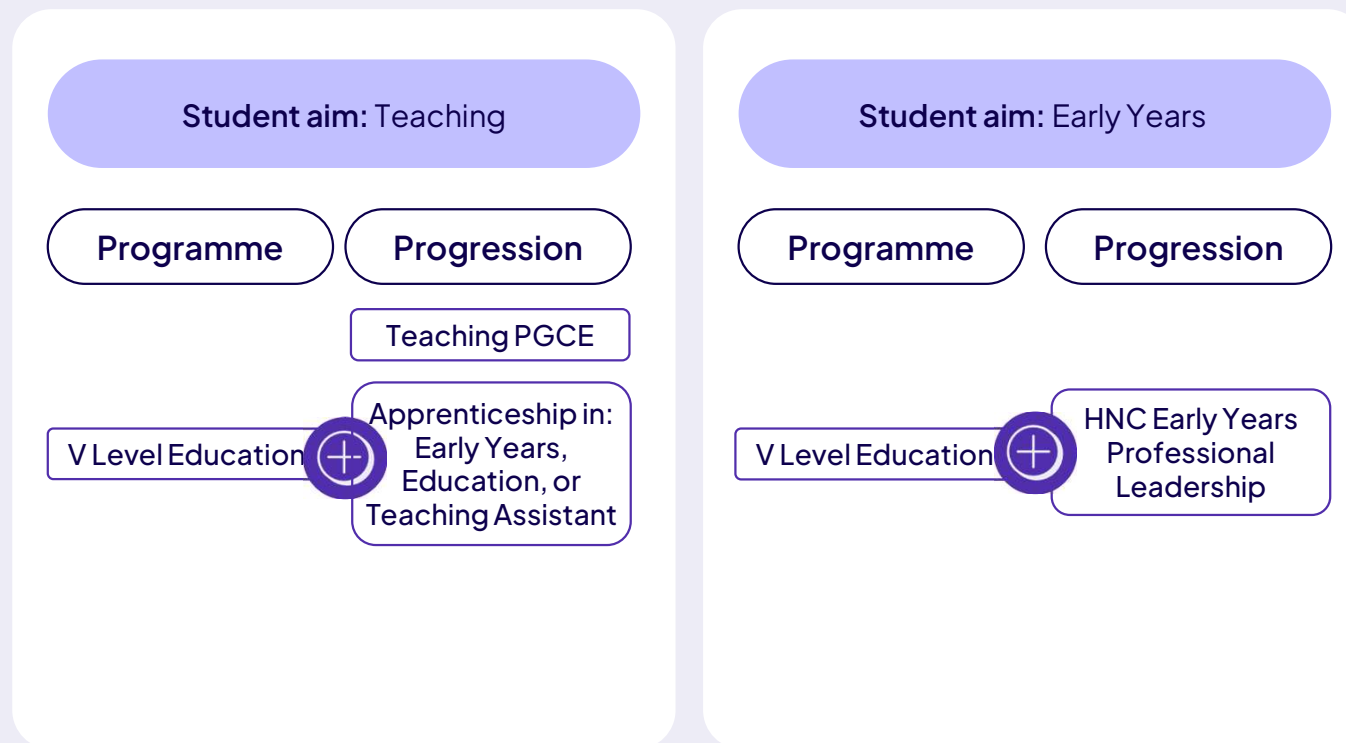


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Programmes of study examples

Level 3



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Engineering

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Engineering Design
 - Engineering and Manufacturing
 - Applied Research and Technology (NEW – Sector TBC)

T Levels available and funded

- [Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)
- [Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)

Current BTEC qualifications remain available to apprentices.

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1197/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Engineering	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3962/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Engineering (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7591/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7577/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7580/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7582/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7585/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7587/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7588/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7589/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7590/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/9053/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Award in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9049/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9054/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/9060/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge)	1080	✓	x	x	x	x



Engineering

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Engineering and Manufacturing
- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)
 - Engineering and Manufacturing

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- Occupational Certificate (Level 2)
 - CAD Technician (2D)

Current BTEC qualifications remain available to apprentices.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4788/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6628/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6630/1	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0545/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Engineering	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3637/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering (Foundation Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6351/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4722/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4252/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Lean Manufacturing Operatives (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x

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Programmes of study examples

Pathway A: T levels

Student aim: Design Engineering Technician

Qualification:
T Level in Design & Development for Engineering & Manufacturing

Further training
Maths Qualifications /BTEC Maths Units may be required for Degree Entry

Student aim: Maintenance Engineering Technician

Qualification:
T Level in Maintenance, Installation & Repair for Engineering & Manufacturing

Further training
Maths Qualifications /BTEC Further Maths Units may be required for Degree Entry

Student aim: Manufacturing Engineering Technician

Qualification:
T Level in Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control

Further training
Maths Qualifications /BTEC Further Maths Units may be required for Degree Entry

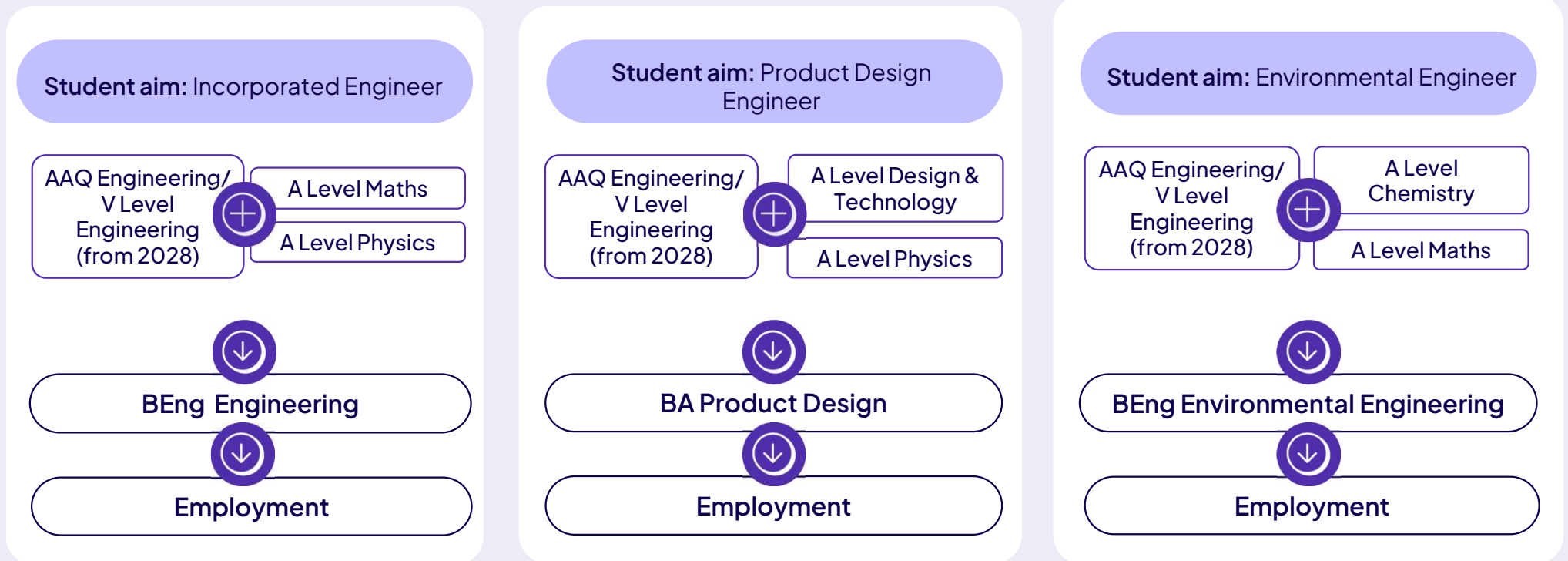
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Programmes of study examples

Pathway B: Mixed programme of study



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Esports

In the current Transition Guide issued by the DfE, Esports is not listed explicitly.

Further details regarding funding of these qualifications will follow once additional clarification is available.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5425/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Esports	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5427/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Esports	540	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5424/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Esports	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/5426/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Esports	1080	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5803/8	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Esports	✓	✓	✓	✓	TBA
603/5804/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Esports	✓	✓	✓	✓	TBA
603/5805/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Esports	✓	✓	✓	✓	TBA



Health and Social Care

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Health
 - Social Care
 - Healthcare and Clinical Technologies (NEW – Sector TBC)
- T Level (Level 3)
 - Social Care
- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Health and Care Services
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - Health and Care Services
 - Healthcare and Science

T Level available and funded

- [T Level in Health](#)

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6196/7	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Certificate)	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3964/0	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7194/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7198/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6311/7	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6312/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0170/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Health and Social Care	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/6166/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Support Staff	✓	✓	x	x	x



Programmes of study examples

Pathway A: BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Student aim: Nursing

Programme

Progression

BTEC National
Extended
Diploma in
Health and
Social Care



BSc
Nursing

Pathway B: BTEC Nationals mixed programme

Student aim: Psychology

Programme

Progression

Level 3 AAQ BTEC
National in Health
and Social Care

Level 3
BTEC National
Applied
Psychology



BSc
Psychology

Level 3 AAQ BTEC
National in Medical
Science

Pathway C: BTEC professional courses

Student aim: Nursing Associate

Programme

Progression

BTEC Level 3
Diploma in
Healthcare
Support

OR

BTEC Level 3
Diploma in
Adult Care



Level 5 Nursing
Associate

Further training

Degree in Nursing

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Programmes of study examples

Pathway D: T Level in Health

Student aim: Midwifery

Programme

Progression

T Level in Health



BSc Midwifery

Pathway E: Mixed programme of study

Student aim: Physiotherapist

Programme

Progression

Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Health and Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport (RQF)

Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Medical Science



BSc Physiotherapy

Pathway F: Mixed programme of study

Student aim: Mental Health Nurse

Programme

Progression

Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Edexcel A level Biology

Edexcel A level Psychology



BSc Mental Health Nursing

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Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Agriculture and Land Management
 - Animal Care and Management
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Expansion of Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care

T Levels available and funded

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0872/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Agriculture	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/0871/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Agriculture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1212/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Agriculture	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2676/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Agriculture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
601/7524/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Animal Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/7525/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/7523/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Animal Management	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/3043/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Animal Management	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
501/1217/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	180	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1220/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	360	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1219/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	720	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
501/1218/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)	1080	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
603/0870/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Countryside Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/0869/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Countryside Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1213/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Countryside Management	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x

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Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Agriculture and Land Management
 - Animal Care and Management
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Expansion of Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care

T Levels available and funded

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates Level 3 (cont.)

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/2677/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Countryside Management	1080	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9064/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9066/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9062/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Equitation)	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9056/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/9059/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Equine Management	1080	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1904/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2678/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/1214/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Horticulture	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1215/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture	540	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2675/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Horticulture	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2679/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Horticulture	1080	✓	x	x	x	x



Land-based

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
 - Horticulture and Floristry

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

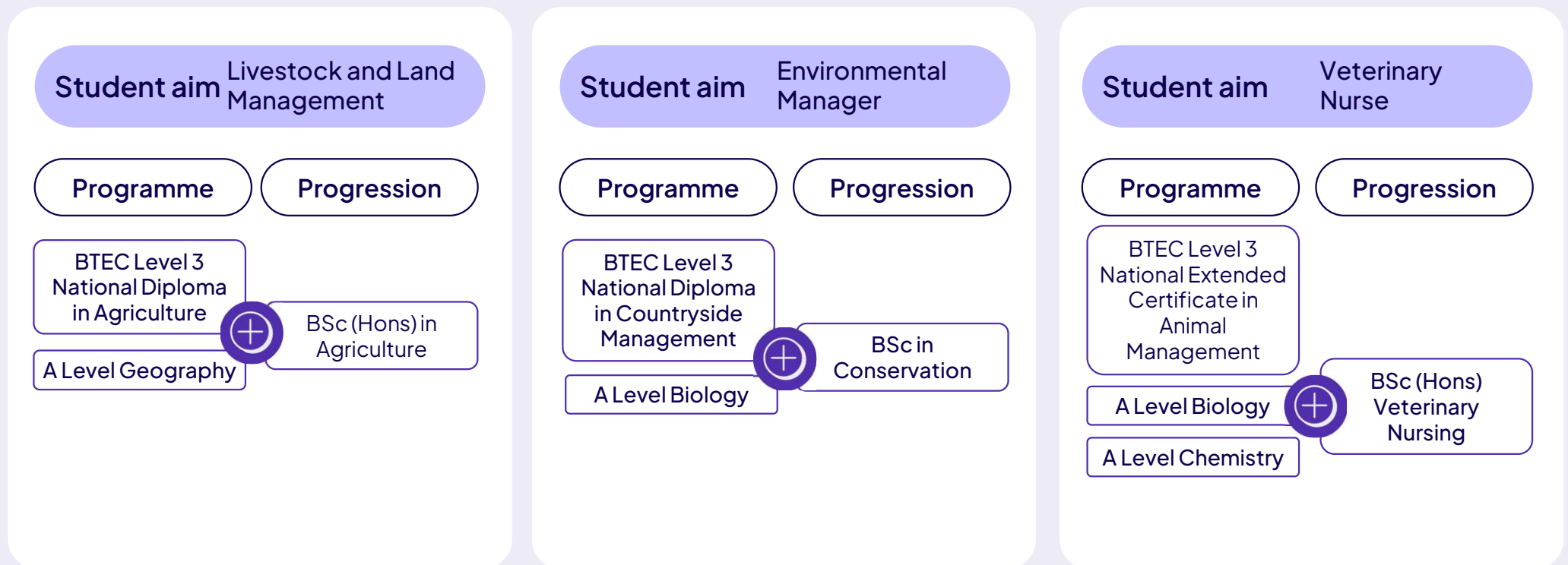
QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1906/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Countryside Studies	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1907/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Agriculture	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/4530/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Animal Care	✓	x	x	x	x
603/0420/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Animal Care	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1211/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Equine Studies	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/1908/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horticulture	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/2719/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	✓	✓	✓	x	x

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Programmes of study examples

Pathway C: Mixed programme of study



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Media

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- T Levels
 - Expansion of Creative and Design

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Creative, Media and Design
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Creative, Media and Design

T Level available and funded

- [Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

The DfE will issue fuller guidance around the subjects within these areas in late 2027.

Due to the availability of the T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production, the Extended Diploma size of current BTEC Nationals in Creative Media will be defunded in July 2027.

An alternative for the 2019 Creative Media Practice Extended Diploma is Art and Design Practice, which mirrors the Media qualification in structure and assessment and will remain funded until 2030/31.

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7467/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7468/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7469/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/1911/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Content Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1910/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Film and Video Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1912/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Games Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7470/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Production	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7473/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Games Design and Development	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4663/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National 540 Diploma in Creative Media Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4665/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/5277/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media Practice	642	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5545/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5546/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5548/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Music

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Performing Arts

The DfE will issue fuller guidance around the subjects within these areas in late 2027.

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/3027/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Music Performance	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7090/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/3072/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/3071/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/2688/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Music Technology	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1232/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Digital Music Production	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/1233/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sound Engineering	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/0211/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music Technology	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7350/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music Technology	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7351/8	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music Technology	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/2475/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5530/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5532/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5533/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Music Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x





Performing Arts

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Art and Performing Arts
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Performing Arts

The DfE will issue fuller guidance around the subjects within these areas in late 2027.

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/7231/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7233/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7235/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7232/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/7234/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/2993/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performance	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4668/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4669/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4670/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Production Arts Practice	540	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4671/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Production Arts Practice	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1901/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5535/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5537/2	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/5538/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	x



Protective Services

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2029 to 2030

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Protective Services
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Protective Services
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Protective Services

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/5065/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services	180	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5067/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services	360	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5069/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	510	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5066/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	720	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/5068/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services	1080	✓	✓	✓	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
601/0926/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/3258/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
601/3259/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6450/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6452/X	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6454/3	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6006/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x
603/6007/0	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Preparation for Public Services	✓	✓	✓	x	x

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Science

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Healthcare and Clinical Technologies (NEW – Sector TBC)
 - Applied Research and Technology (NEW – Sector TBC)
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Science
- Occupational Certificates (Level 2)
 - Healthcare and Science

T Level available and funded

- [T Level in Science](#)

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Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
610/6193/1	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Certificate)	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3965/2	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3958/5	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Medical Science (Extended Certificate)	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7435/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7437/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science	1080	✓	x	x	x	x
603/3057/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Psychology	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/3058/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0251/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Investigation	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0246/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0247/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4787/2	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Principles of Applied Science	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/4796/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Application of Science	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6318/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Applied Science	✓	✓	x	x	x



Programme of study example

Pathway A: T Level in Science

Student aim

Laboratory Assistant

Programme

Progression

T Level
in Science



Technician Scientist
Level 5



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Programme of study example

Pathway B: Large vocational: BTEC National (RQF)

Student aim: BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences

Programme

Progression

BTEC National Extended
Diploma in Applied Science



Technician Scientist
Level 5



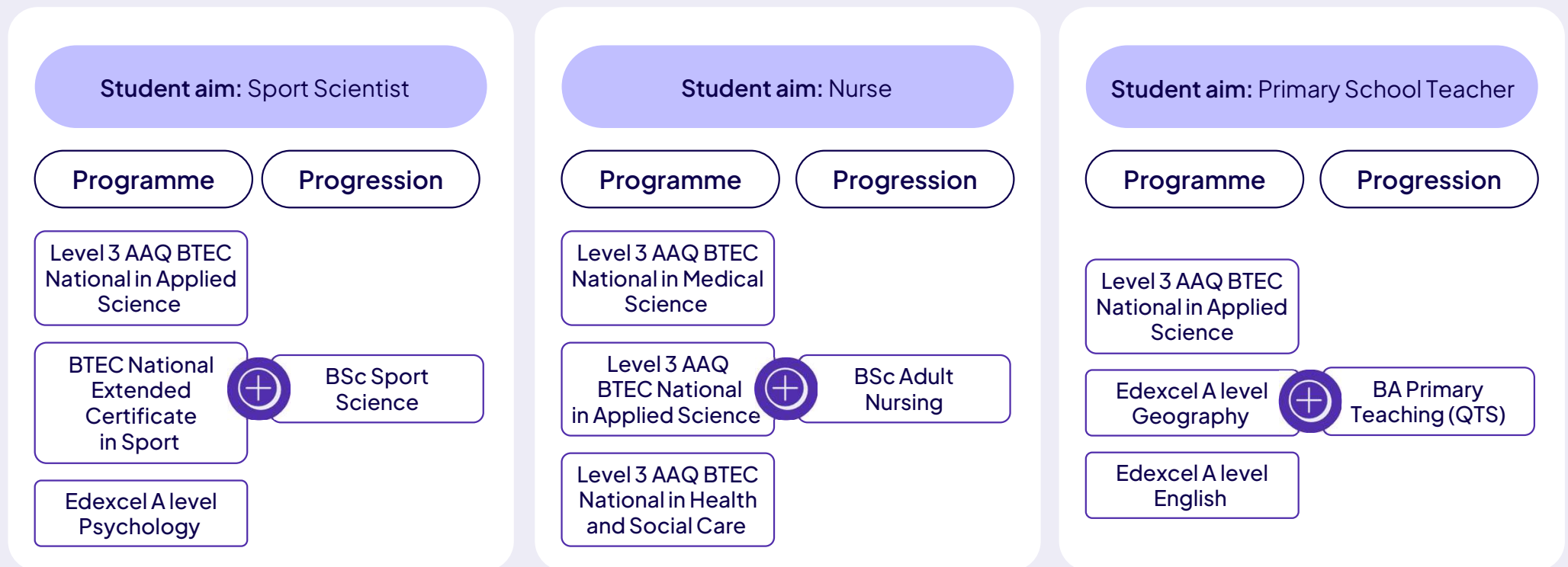
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Programmes of study examples

Pathway C: Mixed Programme of Study



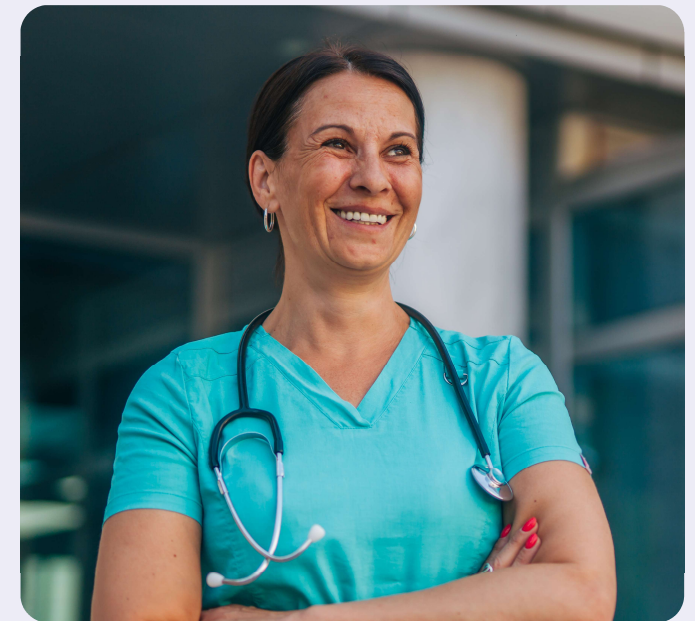
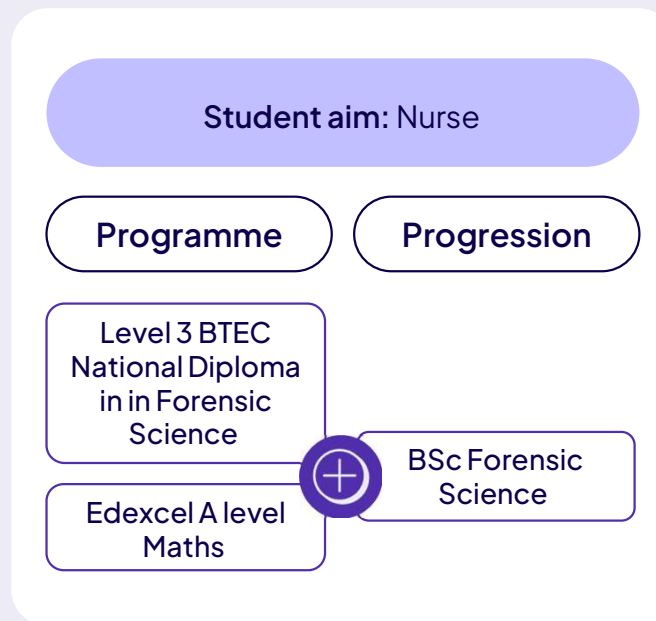
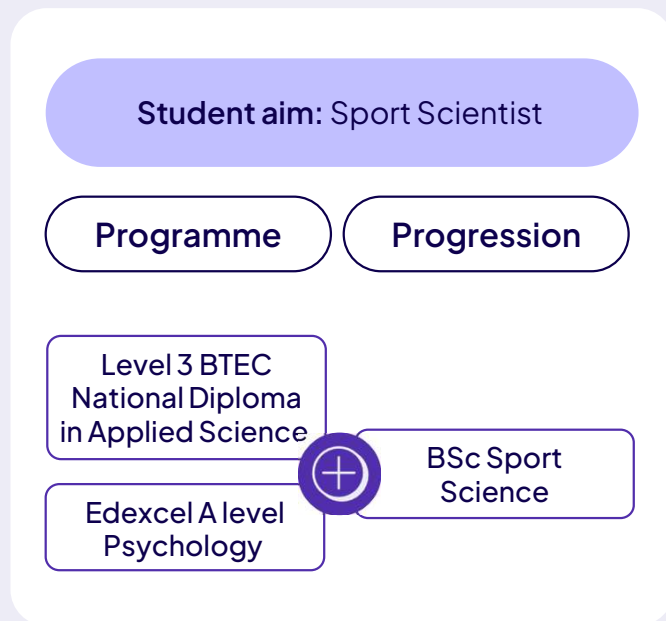
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Sport

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Leisure, Exercise and Sports
- T Level (Level 3)
 - Sport

Current BTEC qualifications remain available to apprentices, and through Sporting Excellence Funded Schemes

[Review Level 2 information](#)
[Explore your subject page](#)

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/0458/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Sport	180	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7218/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7220/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0460/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0459/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0444/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Exercise Science	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/0443/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	510	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7421/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/7422/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4925/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4927/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Fitness	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/3932/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Personal Trainer (Diploma)	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4929/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4919/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4920/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4921/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4922/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sporting Excellence and Performance	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4923/2	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4924/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sporting Excellence and Performance	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4930/X	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sports Coaching	360	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4931/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	540	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4932/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	720	✓	✓	x	x	x
603/4933/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	1080	✓	✓	x	x	x



Sport

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2028 to 2029

- Foundation Certificate (Level 2)
 - Sport, Fitness and Exercise Science
- Occupational Certificates
 - Sports and Leisure

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6819/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
600/6820/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
601/0232/9	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Sport	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4254/7	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Leading Community Activity (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4255/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Gym Instructors (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x
610/4253/5	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Recreation Assistants (Diploma)	✓	✓	x	x	x

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Transport and Logistics

In the current Implementation Guide, issued by the DfE, Aviation is not listed explicitly.

The DfE will issue fuller guidance in early 2027.

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6413/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (QCF)	201	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6438/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	383	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6424/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	563	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6425/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Aviation Operations (QCF)	743	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA
600/6439/0	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aviation Operations	1179	✓	✓	TBA	TBA	TBA

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Travel and Tourism

New qualifications will be introduced in the following routes:

Academic Year 2030 to 2031

- V Levels (Level 3)
 - Travel and Tourism
- T Levels (Level 3)
 - Travel and Tourism
- Foundation Certificates (Level 2)
 - Travel and Tourism

Legacy Pearson qualifications – proposed final funding dates

Level 3

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	GLH	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
603/1224/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Travel and Tourism	180	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/9023/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism	360	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/9024/3	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Travel and Tourism	510	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4695/4	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Travel and Tourism	720	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
603/4696/6	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism	1080	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

Level 2

QN	QUALIFICATION TITLE	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
600/6512/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
600/7046/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Certificate in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
601/0233/0	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

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Important guidance on programmes of study: combinations

There are various factors to consider when devising a student's programme, including:

- their strengths, interests and intended progression destination
 - whether they need to continue with English/Maths alongside
 - any non-qualification activities they will be undertaking, e.g. work placement
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Avoid overlapping subjects

Choosing combinations with a high proportion of overlap reduces student engagement and limits breadth in Level 3 programmes of study.



Important guidance on programmes of study: progression

One of the most important considerations when devising a programme of study is taking account of students' intended progression outcome.

Study programmes should align with students' intended progression goals, such as higher education aspirations. For example, many students taking the BTEC Level 3 Nationals will be intending, or hoping, to progress to HE.

For those intending to progress to HE, select subjects/ qualifications that cover a broad range of content and skills relevant to their intended degree specialism(s). This will help maximise their chance of successfully progressing to HE. Some universities have subject-specific entry requirements, particularly for STEM-related degrees, where they may require students to have studied specific subjects and/or specific A levels.

Check entry requirements

Understanding varying university entry requirements is crucial for guiding students effectively.

At present, a few selective UK universities do not accept students with more than one vocational qualification at Level 3. Where universities do accept students holding more than one BTEC qualification, they generally expect this to be in separate subject disciplines and do not accept combinations with a high degree of overlap, irrespective of UCAS points.

It is important to check that your student's intended destination(s) accept the combination(s) you are considering delivering.

Where students have yet to decide which university and/or degree they wish to progress to, it is worth asking your main recruiting universities for their views on your proposed combination.

Guidance and support

What to expect from Pearson

Centre communications and briefings



[Dedicated post-16 reform page](#)

[Subject at a glance page](#)

Regular [sector-specific briefings and updates](#)

[See details](#)

[Subject advisor guidance and support](#)

Funding guidance

[Dedicated funding guides](#)

Support with transferring learners to funded qualifications, where appropriate

Take a look at our [Support guide](#)

Get involved
[Sign up to join a feedback panel](#)

Webinars

Post-16 Vocational Qualification reform briefings

These events will give attendees an overview of the latest developments in the post-16 vocational reforms.

They'll be updated on funding of current qualifications, regulatory requirements that will govern new content and assessments, and timelines for transition.

All events will be promoted on [Training from Pearson](#).

	Date	Time
General / High level	30/09/2026	15.30 – 16.30
	08/10/2026	
Accounting and Finance	12/10/2026	15.30 – 16.30
Business	14/10/2026	15.30 – 16.30
Digital	14/10/2026	12.30 – 13.30
Education and Early Years	15/10/2026	15.30 – 16.30
Engineering	13/10/2026	12.00 – 13.00
Media	08/10/2026	15.30 – 16.30
Science	15/10/2026	15.30 – 16.30

Subject hubs and your programmes of study examples

Teach your subject with confidence

To support schools and colleges through the transition for 2027/28 and beyond we have developed subject hub pages and programmes of study.

Use the table and the link below to explore our support and guidance.

[Explore all subject options](#)

Subject	Hub Page	Programme of study examples
Business	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Digital	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Education and Early Years	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Engineering	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Health	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Land	Bookmark your page	See our examples
Science	Bookmark your page	See our examples

FAQS



Why are post-16 vocational qualifications changing?

The post-16 vocational qualification reforms are designed to create clearer routes for learners and simplify progression after GCSEs. At Levels 2 and 3, qualifications will be grouped into the following distinct categories, with each qualification type having a defined purpose and progression outcome:

- V Levels at Level 3, supporting progression to higher education, higher-level study or apprenticeships.
- Foundation Certificates at Level 2, supporting progression to further Level 2 or Level 3 study.
- Occupational Certificates at Level 2, supporting progression towards skilled employment or an apprenticeship.

The aim is to help learners, families and educators understand where each route can lead and make choices with greater confidence.

How do V Levels compare to A levels and T Levels?

A Levels, T Levels and V Levels are all Level 3 qualifications, but they are designed for different learning styles and progression routes.

- A Levels are academic, subject-based qualifications.
- T Levels are large technical qualifications designed around a particular occupational route. They include a

substantial industry placement.

- V Levels are broad vocational qualifications that use applied learning and practical assessment but do not focus as narrowly on one occupation as T Levels.

The right choice at Level 3 will depend on how a learner prefers to learn and what the learner wants to do next.

Can learners combine V Levels with A levels and other qualifications?

Yes. V Levels are designed to be studied alongside other qualifications, giving learners flexibility to build a programme around their interests, strengths and future plans.

- a V Level with one or more A Levels
- different V Levels or funded BTECs
- V Levels with English or Maths resits

Because a V Level is equivalent in size to one A Level, it can support mixed academic and vocational programmes. This may suit learners who want applied learning while keeping a range of higher education, apprenticeship and employment options open.

Example programmes of study are available on our [Subject hub pages](#)

Will V Levels include an industry placement?

V Levels will not require the substantial industry

placement that forms part of a T Level. V Levels are classroom-based vocational qualifications, although their applied learning and practical assessment will connect knowledge to relevant occupational standards and future study or work. Individual schools and colleges may offer additional work-related experiences as part of their wider study programmes, but are not compulsory.

How are employers and occupational standards involved in V Levels?

V Level content will be linked to occupational standards, helping to connect learning with the knowledge and skills relevant to future study and work.

Pearson is also inviting teachers, education leaders, employers and sector experts to contribute feedback as the new qualifications are developed. The aim is to retain the applied, career-focused strengths that centres and learners value. [Sign up to get involved in future qualification development](#)

[Explore more FAQs](#)



Thank you.



