

## Pearson Vocational Qualifications Fees 2015/16 – FAQs and Centre Fees

These apply to all Pearson Edexcel, Pearson BTEC and Pearson EDI qualifications.

### **Are these the final prices?**

Prices are not likely to change in the period covered by the price list (August 2015 to July 2016). As new products are launched, the price list will be updated. Please check the website for the latest updates.

### **What's happening with late fees?**

We are committed to working with you to ensure registration dates are communicated and understood by exams officers and registries to ensure the best efficiency around registering learners for vocational qualifications in a timely manner and avoid incurring late fees. You'll find our revised late fee tariffs on the vocational fees webpage.

### **What's happening with top-up fees?**

A top-up fee is the price difference between a smaller and a larger qualification plus a small administration fee.

### **What's happening with transfers?**

A transfer is where the learner transfers their registration from one qualification to another before they have received a certificate for the original qualification. No additional fee will be due where the fee for the new programme at the time of registration is the same as that paid for the original registration. Where the fee for the new programme is higher than that paid for the original registration, an invoice for the difference between the two fees will be issued.

### **What's happening with drop-downs?**

Where a learner is unlikely to complete the necessary units to gain certification in the programme they are registered on, they may be able to 'drop-down' via a transfer to a smaller programme in the same specification. When this happens, a credit (refund) is normally due, minus an administration fee. The refund due is calculated as the difference between the cost of the larger and smaller qualification, minus an administration fee of 50% of the difference between the two. This administration fee is capped at £16.80. Please note a refund is not due when the drop down is to a qualification outside the same specification.

## **New Centre Approval fee**

### **Who does the new centre approval fee apply to?**

New WBL centres and colleges delivering Pearson vocational qualifications for the first time are subject to a fee of £400 – this does not apply to schools.

### **What happens if the centre doesn't pay the new centre approval fee?**

Unless the approval fee is paid, the centre will not be able to make registrations or claim certification.

## **Minimum Spend threshold**

### **Who will the new centre fees apply to?**

All UK WBL centres and colleges delivering Pearson vocational qualifications are subject to a minimum annual spend of £1000 – this does not apply to schools.

### **What is the time period run for which Pearson will calculate the minimum spend?**

From 1st August 2015 to 31st July 2016.

### **What happens if a centre does not spend £1000 in 2015/16?**

Centres will be invoiced by 1 September 2016 for the difference between their actual spend and the minimum threshold.