

Pearson Vocational Qualifications Price List 2013/14– FAQs

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 2013 to July 2014). As new products are launched, the price list will be updated. Please check the website for the latest updates.

How much have prices gone up?

We have increased our fees at or below the rate of inflation between 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Why are price increases being implemented in August this year (as opposed to September in prior years)?

This change in timing is to align with the Skills Funding Agency funding calendar. New prices for the period 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014 will be published on our website by 1 August 2013. Please refer to our pricing webpages to view the 2012/13 price list and for 2013/14 pricing when it becomes available.

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. We are pleased to announce our revised late fee tariffs; these can be found on the relevant qualification pages of the price list.

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. These fees can be found in the Vocational Price List at www.edexcel.com/vocationalfees.

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 fallbacks/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 £16.20.

Please note a refund is not due when the drop down is to a qualification outside the same specification.

Why are HNCs and HNDs different prices?

The QCF BTEC HND is now twice as large as the HNC: 240 credits for the HND compared to 120 for the HNC.

What is a 'Competence Qualification' (NVQs)?

Competence Qualifications are the successors under QCF to what was formerly known as NVQs. Some Sector Skills Councils have specified that NVQ remains in the title of the qualification and in those cases it is easy to see a like for like replacement.

Why is the largest competence-based qualification at Levels 1 and 2 more expensive than the NQF NVQ?

Previously, NVQs were not formally or uniformly sized so were all differently priced. Under the QCF, competence-based qualifications must fit into prescribed credit sizes. We have developed three price bands to accommodate these qualification sizes.