

Pearson Vocational Qualifications fees 2022/23 – FAQs and centre fees

These apply to all vocational Pearson Edexcel and Pearson BTEC qualifications.

Are these the final prices?

Prices are not likely to change in the period covered by the price list (August 2022 to July 2023). As new products are launched, the price list will be updated. Please check [our website](#) for the latest updates.

Where can late fees be found?

You'll find our late fee charges on [the vocational fees page](#). The deadlines are clearly presented in the [Information Manual](#) and Exams Officers Update and reminder emails.

What are top-up fees?

A top-up fee is the price difference between a smaller and a larger qualification plus a small administration fee. You'll find our top up fees on [the vocational fees page](#).

What to do in the event of transfers?

A transfer is where the learner transfers their registration from one qualification to another before they have been certificated 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 are drop-downs refunds?

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 £24.70. Please note a refund is not due when the drop down is to a qualification outside the same specification.

New centres approval fee

Who does the new centres approval fee apply to?

New WBL centres and colleges delivering Pearson vocational qualifications for the first time are subject to a fee of £1,000 – this does not apply to schools. Failure to pay this fee may result in withdrawal of approval.

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

Does Pearson have a minimum spend requirement?

There is an annual minimum spend requirement of £3000 for all Pearson-approved UK colleges and work-based learning centres. Customers, who we believe may be impacted by this, will be notified at the start of the academic year. Shortly after the end of our financial year (31 August), an invoice will be raised for the difference between actual spend and the £3000 threshold. Spend is calculated to include all purchases made between 1 September and 31 August.