



Grade Boundaries

External Assessment for BTEC Firsts from
2012 and 2013

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Understanding the external assessment grade boundaries for BTEC Firsts from 2012 and 2013

This document shows the grade boundaries for our BTEC externally assessed tests. It includes:

- all paper-based tests that took place in November

For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks and the size of the unit in Guided Learning Hours (GLH) is also shown.

Definition of terms

All of the grade boundaries for our BTEC externally assessed units are given in 'raw' marks. A raw mark is the actual mark awarded by our examiners for an assessment. Raw mark scores can be downloaded by Exams Officers from Edexcel Online.

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a grade can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a Distinction is 29 marks, then 29 is the minimum mark at which a Distinction can be achieved. A mark of 28 would therefore be a Merit.

In order to calculate the overall qualification grade, unit results are combined by converting unit grades into points scores. You can find out more about raw marks and point scores at <http://qualifications.pearson.com/raw-ums-marks> and more information about external assessment at <http://qualifications.pearson.com/btec-external-assessment>.

Pearson BTEC Firsts from 2012 and 2013

Unit results for our BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts are reported on a 5 point scale. The table below shows the number of points scored per 10 GLH at each grade.

Highest Grade	Lowest Grade			
Level 2 Distinction (D)	Level 2 Merit (M)	Level 2 Pass (P)	Level 1 Pass (L1)	Unclassified (U)
8	6	4	2	0

More information on calculating qualifications results can be found in [Section 10 of the specification](#).

Business			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Business								
21325E Principles of Marketing	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	31	20	9	0
Children's Play, Learning and Development								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Children's Play, Learning and Development								
21486E Patterns of Child Development	30 GLH	Raw	50	39	31	23	15	0
20123F Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	32	23	14	0
Construction								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Construction								
21492E Construction Technology	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	21	11	0
21635E Sustainability in Construction	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	30	21	12	0
Creative Digital Media Production								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production								
21526E Digital Media Sectors and Audiences	30 GLH	Raw	50	39	32	25	18	0
21647E Media Industry in Context	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	31	25	19	0
Engineering								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Engineering								
21174E Interpreting and using Engineering Information	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	32	22	12	0
Health and Social Care								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Health and Social Care								
20544E Human lifespan Development	30 GLH	Raw	50	43	35	28	21	0
20952E Healthy living	30 GLH	Raw	50	44	35	27	19	0
Hospitality								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Hospitality								
21541E Introducing the Hospitality Industry	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	31	22	13	0
21617E How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	21	11	0
Music								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Music								
21512E The Music Industry	30 GLH	Raw	50	39	30	22	14	0
20375F Music and Production Analysis	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	32	25	18	0
Travel and Tourism								
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Travel and Tourism								
21474E The UK Travel and Tourism Sector The UK Travel	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	22	13	0
21627E Travel and Tourism Business Environments	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	31	21	11	0