



Grade Boundaries

External Assessment for

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts (NQF)

June 2015

Understanding the external assessment grade boundaries for BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts (NQF)

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

- all paper-based tests that took place in May and June
- all onscreen tests that have been 'retired' on or before 11 August 2014

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

qualifications.pearson.com/understandingmarksandgrades

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](#).

Applied Science			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Application of Science									
20474E	Scientific Skills	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	29	21	13	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Principles of Applied Science									
20460E	Principles of Science	30 GLH	Raw	54	41	31	22	13	0

Art and Design			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Art and Design									
20478E	Creative Project in Art and Design	30 GLH	Raw	30	26	20	15	10	0
21357E	Recording for Creative Intentions in Art and Design	30 GLH	Raw	30	26	20	15	10	0

Business			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Business									
21325E	Principles of Marketing	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	21	11	0

Children's Play, Learning and Development			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Children's Play, Learning and Development									
21486E	Patterns of Child Development	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	33	26	19	0
20123F	Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour	30 GLH	Raw	50	39	31	24	17	0

Construction			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Construction									
21492E	Construction Technology	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	31	21	11	0
21635E	Sustainability in Construction	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	30	20	10	0

Creative Digital Media Production			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production									
21526E	Digital Media Sectors and Audiences	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	31	24	17	0
21647E	Media Industry in Context	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	30	22	14	0

Engineering			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Engineering									
21174E	Interpreting and using Engineering Information	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	32	22	12	0
20573G	Materials used in Engineered Products	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	21	11	0

Health and Social Care			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Health and Social Care									
20544E	Human lifespan Development	30 GLH	Raw	50	43	34	26	18	0
20952E	Healthy living	30 GLH	Raw	50	43	34	26	18	0

Hospitality			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Hospitality									
21541E	Introducing the Hospitality Industry	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	29	21	13	0
21617E	How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	21	11	0

Music			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Music									
21512E	The Music Industry	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	32	24	16	0
20375F	Music and Production Analysis	30 GLH	Raw	50	40	32	24	16	0

Performing Arts			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Performing Arts									
20512E	Individual Showcase	30 GLH	Raw	43	35	26	18	10	0

Public Services			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Public Services									
21484F	The Role and Work of the Public Services	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	30	22	14	0
20537G	Citizenship, Society and the Public Services	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	29	21	13	0

Travel and Tourism			Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U	
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Travel and Tourism									
21474E	The UK Travel and Tourism Sector The UK Travel and Tourism Sector	30 GLH	Raw	50	41	31	22	13	0
21627E	Travel and Tourism Business Environments	30 GLH	Raw	50	42	31	21	11	0