



Grade Boundaries

External Assessment for

BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 Firsts (NQF)

January 2016

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 January

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](#).

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	30	20	10	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	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	32	24	16	0
20123F	Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour	30	GLH	Raw	50	40	31	23	15	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	40	33	27	21	0
21647E	Media Industry in Context	30	GLH	Raw	50	37	29	21	13	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	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	42	34	26	18	0
21919G	Human lifespan Development (Welsh)	30	GLH	Raw	50	42	34	26	18	0
20952E	Healthy living	30	GLH	Raw	50	43	35	28	21	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
21937G	Introducing the Hospitality Industry (Welsh)	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

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	29	21	13	0
21933G	The Role and Work of the Public Services (Welsh)	30	GLH	Raw	50	38	29	21	13	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