



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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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	30	GLH	Raw	50	41	31	22	13	0
21627E Travel and Tourism Business Environments	30	GLH	Raw	50	42	31	21	11	0