



## Grade Boundaries

External Assessment for  
BTEC Level 1 /Level 2 Firsts (NQF)

June 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 June

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](http://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.

<b>Highest Grade</b>	<b>Lowest Grade</b>			
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](#).

<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Animal Care</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Animal Health (21883G)		30 GLH	50	42	32	23	14	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Applied Science</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Principles of Science (20460E)		30 GLH	54	41	31	22	13	0
Unit 1: Principles of Science (Welsh) (21909G)		30 GLH	54	41	31	22	13	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (20474E)		30 GLH	50	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (Welsh) (21911G)		30 GLH	50	38	30	23	16	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Art &amp; Design</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 2: Creative Project in Art and Design (20478E)		30 GLH	30	26	20	15	10	0
Unit 7: Recording for Creative Intentions in Art and Design (21357E)		30 GLH	30	25	19	14	9	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Business</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 9: Principles Of Marketing (21325E)		30 GLH	50	40	30	20	10	0
Unit 9: Principles Of Marketing (Welsh) (21927G)		30 GLH	50	40	30	20	10	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Construction and the Built Environment</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Construction Technology (21492E)		30 GLH	50	40	30	21	12	0
Unit 1: Construction Technology (Welsh) (21935G)		30 GLH	50	40	30	21	12	0
Unit 11: Sustainability in Construction (21635E)		30 GLH	50	41	31	21	11	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Children's Play, Learning and Development</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development (21486E)		30 GLH	50	40	32	24	16	0
Unit 4: Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour (20123F)		30 GLH	50	40	32	24	16	0

<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences (21526E)	30 GLH	50	40	33	26	19	0
Unit 8: Media Industry in Context (21647E)	30 GLH	50	38	31	24	17	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Engineering</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (21174E)	30 GLH	50	40	29	19	9	0
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (Welsh) (21925G)	30 GLH	50	40	29	19	9	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Health and Social Care</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (20544E)	30 GLH	50	41	32	23	14	0
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (Welsh) (21919G)	30 GLH	50	41	32	23	14	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (20952E)	30 GLH	50	40	32	24	16	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (Welsh) (21923G)	30 GLH	50	40	32	24	16	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Hospitality</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (21541E)	30 GLH	50	39	31	24	17	0
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (Welsh) (21937G)	30 GLH	50	39	31	24	17	0
Unit 9: How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles (21617E)	30 GLH	50	40	32	24	16	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Music</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: The Music Industry (21512E)	30 GLH	50	40	31	23	15	0
Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis (20375F)	30 GLH	50	39	31	24	17	0
<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Performing Arts</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Individual Showcase (20512E)	30 GLH	42	35	26	18	10	0

<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Public Services</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (21484F)	30 GLH	50	38	29	21	13	0
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (Welsh) (21933G)	30 GLH	50	38	29	21	13	0
Unit 6: Citizenship, Society and the Public Services (20537G)	30 GLH	50	38	28	19	10	0

<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Travel and Tourism</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: The UK Travel and Tourism Sector (21474E)	30 GLH	50	40	29	19	9	0
Unit 7: Travel and Tourism Business Environments (21627E)	30 GLH	50	41	30	19	8	0