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.

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	28	19	10	0
21909G Scientific Skills (Welsh)	30 GLH	Raw	50	38	28	19	10	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
21911G Principles of Science (Welsh)	30 GLH	Raw	54	41	31	22	13	0