



Grade Boundaries

External Assessment for

BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 Firsts (NQF)

January 2017

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](#).

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Animal Care		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Animal Health (21883G)	30 GLH	50	41	31	22	13	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Business		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 9: Principles Of Marketing (21325E)	30 GLH	50	36	26	16	8	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Construction and the Built Environment		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Construction Technology (21492E)	30 GLH	50	41	31	21	11	0
Unit 1: Construction Technology (Welsh) (21935G)	30 GLH	50	41	31	21	11	0
Unit 11: Sustainability in Construction (21635E)	30 GLH	50	39	29	19	9	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Children's Play, Learning and Development		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development (21486E)	30 GLH	50	39	31	24	17	0
Unit 4: Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour (20123F)	30 GLH	50	40	33	26	19	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences (21526E)	30 GLH	50	39	31	23	15	0
Unit 8: Media Industry in Context (21647E)	30 GLH	50	38	31	24	17	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Engineering		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 38: Materials Used in Engineered Products (20573G)	30 GLH	50	40	30	21	12	0
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (21174E)	30 GLH	50	40	30	21	12	0
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Health and Social Care		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (20544E)	30 GLH	50	42	33	25	17	0
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (Welsh) (21919G)	30 GLH	50	42	33	25	17	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (20952E)	30 GLH	50	38	31	24	17	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (Welsh) (21923G)	30 GLH	50	38	31	24	17	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Hospitality		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (21541E)	30 GLH	50	38	30	22	14	0
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (Welsh) (21937G)	30 GLH	50	38	30	22	14	0
Unit 9: How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles (21617E)	30 GLH	50	38	30	22	14	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Music		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The Music Industry (21512E)	30 GLH	50	39	30	22	14	0
Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis (20375F)	30 GLH	50	40	33	26	19	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Public Services		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (21484F)	30 GLH	50	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (Welsh) (21933G)	30 GLH	50	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 6: Citizenship, Society and the Public Services (20537G)	30 GLH	50	37	28	19	10	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Travel and Tourism		Max Mark	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The UK Travel and Tourism Sector (21474E)	30 GLH	50	41	31	22	13	0
Unit 7: Travel and Tourism Business Environments (21627E)	30 GLH	50	42	31	21	11	0