

# Grade Boundaries

Summer 2017

**External Assessments for BTEC  
Level 1/Level 2 Firsts (NQF)**

## 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 units. It includes:

- All paper-based tests that took place in the summer 2017 examination series
- All set tasks that took place in the summer 2017 examination series

### 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, 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 points scores at:

[qualifications.pearson.com/understandingmarksandgrades](http://qualifications.pearson.com/understandingmarksandgrades)

### Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 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 qualification 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	41	31	22	13	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	37	28	20	12	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (Welsh) (21911G)	30 GLH	50	37	28	20	12	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	20	15	10	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	37	27	17	7	0
Unit 9: Principles Of Marketing (Welsh) (21927G)	30 GLH	50	37	27	17	7	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	41	30	19	8	0
Unit 1: Construction Technology (Welsh) (21935G)	30 GLH	50	41	30	19	8	0
Unit 11: Sustainability in Construction (21635E)	30 GLH	50	39	29	19	9	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	39	31	23	15	0
Unit 4: Promoting Children's Positive Behaviour (20123F)	30 GLH	50	40	32	25	18	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	36	27	19	11	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 38: Materials Used in Engineered Products (20573G)	30 GLH	50	41	31	21	11	0
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (21174E)	30 GLH	50	39	29	19	9	0
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (Welsh) (21925G)	30 GLH	50	39	29	19	9	0

<b>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Equine Studies</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>U</b>
Unit 1: Equine health and Welfare (21893G)	30 GLH	50	36	29	22	15	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	40	32	25	18	0
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (Welsh) (21919G)	30 GLH	50	40	32	25	18	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (20952E)	30 GLH	50	39	31	23	15	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (Welsh) (21923G)	30 GLH	50	39	31	23	15	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	39	31	23	15	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	42	34	26	18	0
Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis (20375F)	30 GLH	50	39	31	23	15	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	36	27	19	11	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	30	21	12	0
Unit 7: Travel and Tourism Business Environments (21627E)	30 GLH	50	41	30	20	10	0