Grade Boundaries

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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 February 2022 examination series.

- All set tasks that took place in the February 2022 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

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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.

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BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Applied Science	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Principles of Science (20460E)	30	54	39	29	19	9	0
Unit 1: Principles of Science (W) (21909G)	30	54	39	29	19	9	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (20474E)	30	50	37	28	19	10	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (W) (21911G)	30	50	37	28	19	10	0