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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 2023 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:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/results-certification/understanding-marks-and-grades.html/student?utm_source=phone&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=GEN_GEN_15DEC2014_studentservices

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.

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Applied Science	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Principles of Science (20460E)	30	54	41	31	22	13	0
Unit 1: Principles of Science (W) (21909G)	30	54	41	31	22	13	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (20474E)	30	50	38	29	20	11	0
Unit 8: Scientific Skills (W) (21911G)	30	50	38	29	20	11	0