



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 January 2025 examination series.
- All set tasks that took place in the January 2025 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>

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 Animal	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Animal Health (21883G)	30	50	40	32	25	18	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Business	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 9: Principles of Marketing (21325E)	30	50	33	25	18	11	0
Unit 9: Principles of Marketing (W) (21927G)	30	50	33	25	18	11	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Construction and the Built Environment	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Construction Technology (21492E)	30	60	49	36	24	12	0
Unit 1: Construction Technology (W) (21935G)	30	60	49	36	24	12	0
Unit 11: Sustainability in Construction (21635E)	30	50	38	28	19	10	0
Unit 11: Sustainability in Construction (W) (21941G)	30	50	38	28	19	10	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Children's Play, Learning and Development	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development (21486E)	30	50	39	31	23	15	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Creative Digital Media Production	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences (21526E)	30	50	37	29	21	13	0
Unit 8: Media Industry in Context (21647E)	30	50	35	27	20	13	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Engineering	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (21174E)	30	50	33	25	17	9	0
Unit 9: Interpreting and Using Engineering Information (W) (21925G)	30	50	33	25	17	9	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Health and Social Care	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (20544E)	30	50	43	35	27	19	0
Unit 9: Healthy Living (20952E)	30	50	38	31	24	17	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Hospitality	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (21541E)	30	50	38	30	22	14	0
Unit 1: Introducing the Hospitality Industry (W) (21937G)	30	50	38	30	22	14	0
Unit 9: How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles (21617E)	30	50	39	30	22	14	0
Unit 9: How the Hospitality Industry Contributes to Healthy Lifestyles (W) (21939G)	30	50	39	30	22	14	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Music	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The Music Industry (21512E)	30	50	40	32	24	16	0
Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis (20375F)	30	50	36	28	21	14	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Public Services	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (21484F)	30	50	37	29	22	15	0
Unit 1: The Role and Work of the Public Services (W) (21933G)	30	50	37	29	22	15	0
Unit 6: Citizenship, Society and the Public Services (20537G)	30	50	33	26	19	12	0
Unit 6: Citizenship, Society and the Public Services (W) (21943G)	30	50	33	26	19	12	0

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Firsts in Travel and Tourism	GLH	Max	D	M	P	L1	U
Unit 1: The UK Travel and Tourism Sector (21474E)	30	60	42	33	24	15	0
Unit 7: Travel and Tourism Business Environments (21627E)	30	50	41	31	21	11	0