

Grade Boundaries

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**External Assessments for BTEC
Level 3 Nationals**

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Understanding external assessment grade boundaries for BTEC Level 3 Nationals

This document shows the grade boundaries for our BTEC externally assessed assessments. 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, 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

Converting marks to points

Unit results for BTEC Level3 National qualifications are reported on a 5 point grade scale: Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P), Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U). Raw marks from the external units are converted into points based on performance in the assessment. The points scores available for each external unit at grade boundaries are as follows:

	Unit Size	
	90 GLH	120 GLH
Unclassified	0	0
Near Pass	6	8
Pass	9	12
Merit	15	20
Distinction	24	32

Points are awarded on a sliding scale between the grade boundaries based on the number of raw marks achieved by each learner. For more information on calculating qualification results please see section 9 of your BTEC Nationals specification.

Animal Management

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management								
31645H	Unit 2: Animal Biology	120	80	52	37	23	11	0
31646H	Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics	120	60	41	33	25	17	0

Applied Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science								
31617H	Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science (I)	90	90	58	39	20	10	0
31619H	Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills	120	60	40	28	17	8	0

Art and Design

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Art and Design								
31827H	Unit 1: Visual recording and Communication	120	60	40	27	15	7	0
31828H	Unit 2: Critical and Contextual Studies in Art and Design	90	60	44	31	18	9	0
31832H	Unit 6: Managing a Client Brief	120	60	42	30	19	9	0
31833H	Unit 7: Developing and Realising Creative Intentions	120	60	40	27	15	7	0

Business and Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business / Enterprise								
31463H	Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance	120	96	58	41	24	12	0
31489H	Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign	90	70	54	39	24	12	0

Computing

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing								
31768H	Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science	120	90	54	39	24	12	0
31769H	Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems	90	80	56	40	25	12	0

Children's Play, Learning and Development (2016)

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD								
31597H	Unit 1: Children's Development	120	90	65	51	38	25	0
31598H	Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills	120	68	52	39	27	15	0

Creative Digital Media Production

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production								
31668H	Unit 1: Media Representations	90	80	51	38	25	12	0
31670H	Unit 3: Digital Media Skills	120	60	49	37	26	15	0
31674H	Unit 8: Responding to a Commission	120	75	56	41	26	13	0

Engineering

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering								
31706H	Unit 1: Engineering Principles	120	80	54	36	18	9	0
31708H	Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	120	60	41	30	19	9	0

Health and Social Care

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care								
31490H	Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development	90	90	60	46	32	18	0
31491H	Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care	120	80	48	36	24	12	0

Information Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Information Technology								
31760H	Unit 1: Information Technology Systems	120	90	42	31	20	10	0
31761H	Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information	90	66	38	27	17	8	0

Music Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology								
31811H	Unit 5: Music Technology in Context	120	65	48	34	20	16	0
31810H	Unit 6: DAW Production	120	60	52	40	28	16	0
31809H	Unit 7: Music Technology Enterprise Opportunities	120	65	52	40	28	10	0

Performing Arts

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Performing Arts								
31555H	Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work	90	60	45	33	22	11	0
31557H	Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop	120	60	45	34	23	12	0

Sport

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport								
31524H	Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology	120	90	48	34	21	10	0
31525H	Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	120	60	45	31	18	9	0

Sport and Exercise Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport and Exercise Science								
31813H	Unit 1: Sport and Exercise Physiology	120	80	53	39	26	13	0
31814H	Unit 2: Functional Anatomy	90	70	42	32	23	14	0
31815H	Unit 3: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology	120	60	48	35	22	11	0
31824H	Unit 13: Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance	120	50	39	32	25	18	0

