

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

### Converting marks to points

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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
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management</b>								
31644H	Unit 1: Animal Breeding and Genetics	120	80	60	44	28	14	0
31645H	Unit 2: Animal Biology	120	80	55	39	23	11	0
31646H	Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics	120	60	43	33	24	15	0

## Applied Law

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Law</b>								
20168K	Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law	90	60	40	29	19	9	0
20170K	Unit 3: Applying the Law	120	72	42	31	21	11	0

## Applied Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science</b>								
31617H	Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science (I)	90	90	59	40	21	10	0
31619H	Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills	120	60	43	30	18	9	0
31627H	Unit 5: Principles and Applications of Science (II)	120	120	74	51	28	14	0
31629H	Unit 7: Contemporary Issues in Science	120	50	34	24	15	7	0

## Art and Design

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Art and Design</b>								
31827H	Unit 1: Visual Recording and Communication	120	60	39	27	15	7	0
31828H	Unit 2: Critical and Contextual Studies in Art and Design	90	60	41	28	16	8	0
31832H	Unit 6: Managing A Client Brief	120	60	41	29	17	8	0
31833H	Unit 7: Developing and Realising Creative Intentions	120	60	40	28	16	8	0

## Business

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business</b>								
31463H	Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance	120	100	56	41	27	13	0
31489H	Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign	90	70	56	41	26	13	0
31588H	Unit 6/12: Principles of Management	120	88	70	51	32	16	0
31589H	Unit 7/6: Business Decision Making	120	70	60	44	28	14	0

## Computing

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing</b>								
31768H	Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science	120	90	53	38	24	12	0
31769H	Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems	90	80	53	39	25	12	0
31770H	Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects	120	66	52	38	25	12	0
31771H	Software Design and Development Project	120	68	50	37	24	12	0

## Construction and the Build Environment

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Construction and the Built Environment</b>								
20075K	Unit 1: Construction Principles	120	75	50	37	24	12	0
20076K	Unit 2: Construction Design	120	63	46	34	22	11	0

## Children’s Play, Learning and Development (2016)

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD</b>								
31597H	Unit 1: Children's Development	120	90	61	48	35	22	0
31598H	Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills	120	68	50	37	24	12	0
31599H	Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Early Years Practice	120	65	47	35	23	11	0

## Creative Digital Media Production

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production</b>								
31668H	Unit 1: Media Representations	90	80	50	35	21	10	0
31670H	Unit 3: Digital Media Skills	120	60	47	35	24	13	0
31672H	Unit 5: Specialist Subject Investigation	120	65	50	36	22	11	0
31674H	Unit 8: Responding to a Commission	120	75	55	40	25	12	0



## Engineering

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering</b>								
31706H	Unit 1: Engineering Principles	120	80	62	41	21	10	0
31708H	Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	120	60	42	30	18	9	0
31725H	Unit 6: Microcontroller Systems for Engineers	120	80	56	40	25	12	0

## Equine Management

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Equine Management</b>								
20108K	Unit 1: Equine Structure, Form and Function	120	80	52	35	18	9	0

## Health and Social Care

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care</b>								
31490H	Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development	90	90	62	48	34	20	0
31491H	Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care	120	80	49	37	26	15	0
31493H	Unit 3: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care	120	90	48	33	18	9	0
31494H	Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care	120	65	45	31	17	8	0

## Information Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Information Technology</b>								
31760H	Unit 1: Information Technology Systems	120	90	49	36	23	11	0
31761H	Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information	90	66	40	29	19	9	0
20158K	Unit 11: Cyber Security and Incident Management	120	80	57	40	24	12	0
20161K	Unit 14: IT Service Delivery	120	68	41	30	19	9	0

## Music Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology</b>								
31811H	Unit 5: Music Technology in Context	120	65	48	34	21	10	0
31810H	Unit 6: Daw Production	120	60	53	40	27	14	0
31809H	Unit 7: Music Technology Enterprise Opportunities	120	65	52	40	28	16	0

## Performing Arts

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Performing Arts</b>								
31555H	Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work	90	60	42	30	19	9	0
31557H	Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop	120	60	45	34	23	12	0
31559H	Unit 5: Individual Performance Commission	120	60	45	34	23	12	0
31561H	Unit 7: Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts	120	60	42	30	19	9	0

## Sport

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport</b>								
31524H	Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology	120	80	54	38	22	11	0
31525H	Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	120	60	47	34	21	10	0
31542H	Unit 19: Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity	120	60	46	33	20	10	0
21405J	Unit 22: Investigating Business in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry	90	64	44	31	18	9	0

## Sport and Exercise Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport and Exercise Science</b>								
31813H	Unit 1: Sport and Exercise Physiology	120	70	47	35	24	13	0
31814H	Unit 2: Functional Anatomy	90	60	38	28	19	10	0
31815H	Unit 3: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology	120	60	46	33	20	10	0
31824H	Unit 13: Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance	120	50	39	28	18	9	0

