

# Additional Guidance for Tested Vocational Qualifications

Centre Guidance

Travel Services (QCF)

Level 2

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# Which qualifications does this centre guidance cover?

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This centre guidance covers the qualifications below:

Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Travel Services (QCF)

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# 1. Purpose

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This document is intended to provide centres delivering the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Travel Services (QCF) with information and guidance to help prepare learners for onscreen assessments.

This guidance includes information about the onscreen test delivery software and details about the format, structure and coverage of the tests.

This information should only be used in relation to onscreen testing and is not to be used for any other form of assessment. Further guidance can be found at <http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/onscreen.aspx>.

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## 2. Approval and registration

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In order to gain access to the onscreen assessment, centres must first be an Edexcel centre with approval to operate the programme. Please refer to the *Information Manual* which can be found on the Edexcel website, for further information. Approved centres will need to complete the *Onscreen Testing Application and Technical Requirements* form in order for them to be contacted regarding installation of the relevant software. This form can be found here: <http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/onscreen.aspx>.

Registrations must be made on Edexcel Online. Registered learners will then need to be entered for particular testing occasions.

Centres should ensure that learners are adequately prepared before each testing attempt. Please refer to the *Schedule of Fees* for information regarding fees. Learners are allowed up to three attempts for each test. Further test attempts may incur additional fees.

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## 3. Overview of tests

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The tests will operate on a test banking system. Where a group of learners is taking a test at the same time, different learners will be presented with different tests from the bank. At the end of the year all the tests will be reviewed and updated.

Each test will have a set number of questions each worth 1 mark. Please refer to the section of this guidance which refers to test structure for more detailed guidance. The main question format is to choose the correct response from one of four answers, either through answering a question or completing a statement. There is no use of questions with more than one right answer.

No questions will require specific manipulation, such as “drag and drop” and there are no videos. Some images are used and may be presented in colour.

The tests may use images both for the context of a question (e.g. showing a situation) or for the answer options (e.g. selecting the correct sign). The learner will be asked to select the correct picture for the right answer.

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## 4. Onscreen test delivery

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Tests are available through the Edexcel Onscreen Testing System, which all centres will be required to install and use for the delivery of onscreen tests.

The Edexcel Onscreen Testing System has a useful help facility; assessors and invigilators should familiarise themselves with the screen and ensure that there is time for learners to fully explore the information on the help screen before starting the test.

Centres requiring support in the installation and use of the Edexcel Onscreen Testing System should contact our Onscreen Testing team via email via email [pssonscreentechnicalsupport@pearson.com](mailto:pssonscreentechnicalsupport@pearson.com) or telephone 0844 576 0024 selecting option 3 for support."

All centres offering onscreen assessment must comply with the current Instructions for the Conduct of Examinations (ICE) document. The current version of this document can be found here: <http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Documents/Polic-for-Onscreen-Testing-BTEC-SFL-03-1-08-092.pdf>.

Centre queries and feedback related to the content of this test should be sent to [btectestfeedback@edexcel.com](mailto:btectestfeedback@edexcel.com). When providing feedback, please provide us with as much detail as possible about the test taken (qualification title, test name/number, centre number, candidate number, date/time that the test was taken and as much information as possible about the query or feedback given). Please note that this email address should not be used for technical queries or test booking.

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## 5. Question types

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The tests will be comprised of both recall and application question types.

Recall questions test the learner's knowledge of the subject area. They are typically lower level questions and as such there will be more recall questions on a Level 2 test than there will be on a Level 3 test. An example of a recall question is given below:

When should you prioritise work tasks?

Application questions test whether the learner can apply the knowledge of the subject area to a situation given in the question. These questions are higher level questions as they are testing more than just knowledge. As such, there will be more application questions on a Level 3 test than in a Level 2 test. An example of an application question is given below:

Time is running out on a project. What should you do?

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## 6. Structure of each paper

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For the purposes of assessment, all the content of the published specification will be considered to be open to testing in detail against any of the related assessment criteria statements. Each test will provide a broad test of key principles and typical situations found in a travel services environment. Learners will be assessed across all the assessment criteria statements to provide adequate evidence of learning and achievement.

The unit content found in the specification details the knowledge and understanding required in order for learners to be successful in the onscreen test. While all the knowledge can not be tested within one test, the different versions of the test will all cover this knowledge. Therefore it is essential that learners are deemed to have a full knowledge of the test specification content before being entered for

the onscreen test.

Tests need not be sequenced in the order of the criteria. No test item will rely on or directly follow on from another test item.

Learners are advised to use the time allocated for the test carefully. All questions in the test should be attempted. Learners are advised to use the "flag" facility to mark questions that they wish to return to when they have answered the other questions in the test.

All tests are graded pass/fail.

After completing the test, each learner will receive a score report which will show the learner's individual strengths and weaknesses against the areas covered on the test. Unsuccessful learners should use this information when revising to re-take the test.

Learners who are unsuccessful will be eligible to re-take the test on the following day. However, it is strongly recommended that a period of revision against weak areas identified on the score report takes place before the test is attempted again.

The tables below give some guidance on which units are assessed as part of each test, the amount of questions and the duration of the tests. The number of questions in a test is related to the units being assessed, the level and credit rating.

#### Level 2

Test Number	Units	Number of questions	Duration of test
1	2 - Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism	20	45 mins

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