

This document outlines the positioning and equivalency of A Level and Pearson BTEC National and International Level 3 qualifications.

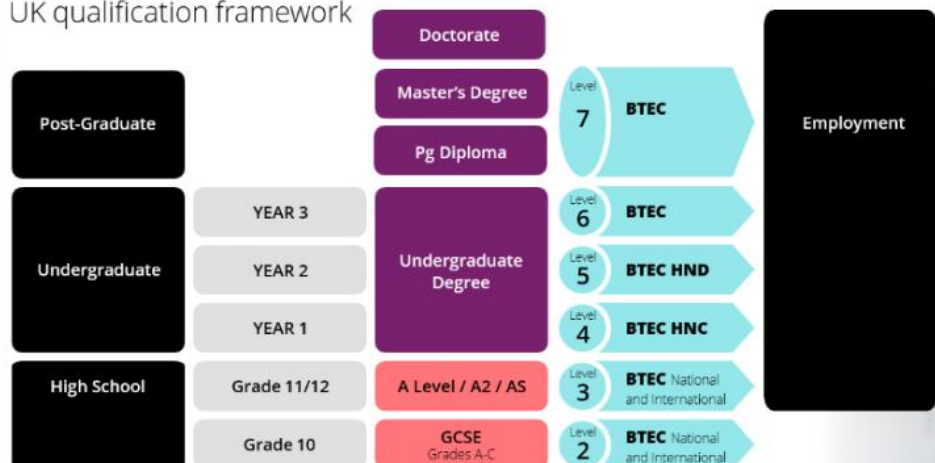
The Table below: [BTEC and UCAS points | Pearson qualifications](#), shows the number of UCAS tariff-points Level 3 BTEC Nationals that will be awarded on applications for 2017 submissions onwards. The updated BTEC Nationals (AAQ) have the same UCAS points allocated as the existing BTEC Nationals (RQF).

In applications submitted for 2017 admissions onwards, the Level 3 BTEC Nationals will qualify for the following UCAS tariff points.

Extended Diploma	Diploma	Foundation Diploma	Extended Certificate	Certificate	AS level	A level	UCAS tariff points
D*D*D*							168
D*D*D							160
D*DD							152
DDD							144
DDM							128
DMM	D*D*						112
	D*D						104
MMM	DD						96
		D*					84
MMP	DM						80
							78
		D					72
MPP	MM						64
			D*			A*	56
PPP	MP	M	D			A	48
						B	40
	PP		M			C	32
				D*			28
		P		D		D	24
					A		20
			P	M	B	E	16
					C		12
					D		10
				P			8
					E		6

Pearson BTEC Qualifications

UK qualification framework



Grading, Sizes and Equivalence Level 3:

BTEC Level 3 qualifications are available in 5 sizes. It is not uncommon for learners to present a combination of smaller BTEC Level 3 qualifications and A Levels when applying to university. Learners may also choose to study multiple smaller BTEC Level 3 qualifications, diversifying their subject knowledge.

The table below displays how many Guided Learning Hours (GLH) are attributed to each size as well as an equivalence against International Advanced Level qualifications:

BTEC sizes	Equivalent International A level sizes
Certificate (180 GLH*)	International Advanced Subsidiary
Subsidiary Diploma (360 GLH)	International A level
Foundation Diploma (540 GLH)	International A level + International Advanced Subsidiary
Diploma (720 GLH)	2 International A levels
Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	3 International A levels