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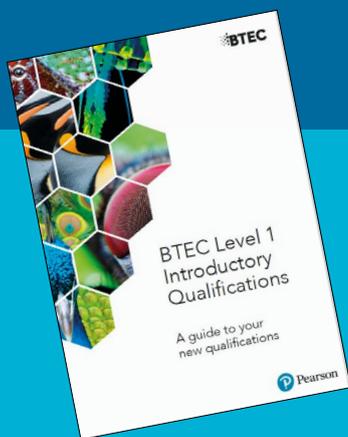
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BTEC Level 1 Introductory Qualifications guide



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Welcome to the second edition of the BTEC Level 1 Introductory Newsletter. As always if you have any questions, please feel free to email me on teachingskills@pearson.com.

Social media

You can also join the closed Facebook teacher group **BTEC Level 1 Introductory** or follow me on Twitter for the latest information **@pearsonskills**



A word from Terry Porter, *the BTEC Level 1 Introductory Sector Manager*

It was great to meet so many colleagues at the Getting Ready to Teach and network events throughout May and June. Over 250 colleagues attended and the feedback has confirmed that the new BTEC Introductory suite is proving to be very popular with both learners and teachers alike. There were some fantastic stories of how level 1 learners are demonstrating their increased level of skills and confidence, as well as some innovative approaches to planning, teaching and delivery. Please share your stories by emailing me or posting comments on our Facebook page.

So what's new?

It has been a busy summer for all our teams involved in the BTEC Introductory Suite:

- New award sized vocational studies qualification
- Revised specification for Vocational Studies, including more unit choices
- 6 new sample marked learner work exemplars
- Updated website with improved navigation
- Updated information brochure
- New guidance on quality assurance process
- New standardisation training materials
- Revised training programme and content
- Publication of previous training materials
- Network support events confirmed
- Getting Ready to teach events confirmed
- On-line training on getting ready to teach and assess
- Assessment guidance presentation on website

Sectors

Vocational Studies Award

The newly accredited 110 GLH award is now available for teaching and can be found in the revised specification. You will see we have added more units and with the bookmarks added, you can navigate your way to the units you want.

Access the revised specification [here](#).

Sample Marked Learner work

Each of our Sample marked learner work exemplars include:

- An assignment brief
- Evidence of learner work
- Internal Verification documentation
- Commentary on learner performance and grade awarded

[Find out more](#)

Terry Porter

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A word from **Christine Arnold,** Principal Standards Manager



Training and Network Events

FE Network Events

These free half day regional network events are intended to support centres currently delivering the new BTEC Level 1 Introductory suite in 2017/18.

There will be opportunities to share experiences of planning, delivery and assessment and receive the latest news on Pearson future developments. Colleagues wishing to find out more about the BTEC Introductory suite are welcome to attend but priority for places will be given to those currently delivering.

These events will be facilitated by the Sector Manager Terry Porter and supported by a Curriculum Development Manager. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note due to demand, we are limiting the number of places to 2 delegates per centre in the first instance.

Tuesday 14 November
10-1pm | Birmingham

Thursday 16 November
10-1pm | London

Tuesday 21 November
10-1pm | Sunderland/Durham

Tuesday 28 November
10-1pm | Cardiff

Thursday 30 November
10-1pm | Manchester

Tuesday 5 December
10-1pm | Exeter

Getting Ready to Teach

This event is a repeat of the Summer 2017 event programme.

At this full day free face to face event you will learn about the NEW Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Suite for first teaching from September 2016. You will gain support and guidance in planning, implementation, delivery and assessment.

Delegates will:

- Explore the content, structures and grading in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 qualifications.
- Discuss approaches to teaching and learning, plan curriculum delivery using a range of different approaches.
- Network and share good practice with other colleagues.

Please note: We are only able to accommodate a maximum of two delegates per centre at this face to face event.

Tuesday 17 October
10-4pm | London

Monday 6 November
10-4pm | Manchester

Friday 10 November
10-4pm | Newcastle

Tuesday 14 November
10-4pm | London

Tuesday 21 November
10-4pm | Cardiff

Thursday 23 November
10-4pm | Manchester

BTEC Level 1 Generic Introductory

Getting Ready to Teach the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory suite - an overview

Monday 30 October

4-6pm | Online

Tuesday 28 November

4-6pm | Online

Getting Ready to Assess in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory suite - an overview At this 2 hours free online event you will learn about the NEW Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Suite. You will gain an overview in delivery and assessment. Delegates will: - Gain an overview of the assessment methods in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 qualifications. - Discuss approaches to assessment within teaching and learning, using a range of different approaches. - Network and share good practice with other colleagues.

Please note: This online event will allow you to train the whole department by projecting the session onto a whiteboard, instead of placing multiple bookings. Pearson has reviewed the format and content of all its training events to ensure the security of its examinations. This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

Getting Ready to Assess in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory suite - an overview

Thursday 2 November

4-6pm | Online

Monday 11 December

4-6pm | Online

These events, and the qualifications covered, are suitable for UK CENTRES ONLY. For International centres, please see our bespoke International offer. Getting Ready to Assess in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory suite - an overview At this 2 hours free online event you will learn about the NEW Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Suite. You will gain an overview in delivery and assessment. Delegates will: - Gain an overview of the assessment methods in the new Pearson BTEC Level 1 qualifications. - Discuss approaches to assessment within teaching and learning, using a range of different approaches. - Network and share good practice with other colleagues.

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Quality Assurance

Quality assurance is a set of processes and procedures we have in place to ensure that students completing our qualifications are issued a fair grade based on their performance.

We've put together a selection of guides to help you understand these processes.

Assessment Checking Service

We have an assignment checking service. Our free assignment checking service for BTEC centres helps you to make sure that your assignments allow learners to demonstrate appropriate evidence in the required criteria.

Centres are allowed to submit up to a maximum of 2 assignments per principal subject area. This service can be accessed using your Edexcel Online account. This is a free support service and is not a replacement for internal verification, nor does it remove the need for standards verification. All assignment briefs have to be internally verified.

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I am currently setting up community groups on **Facebook** if you are interested in joining please email me on teachingskills@pearson.com.

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Sectors

What is on offer?

We have 15 sectors, and we're delighted to bring you the regulated specifications here:

- [Art and Design](#)
- [Applied Science](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Caring for Children](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Digital Media](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Health and Social Care](#)
- [Hospitality and Tourism](#)
- [IT](#)
- [Land Based](#)
- [Performing Arts](#)
- [Public Services](#)
- [Sport](#)
- [Vocational Studies.](#)



A word from **Christine Arnold,** Principal Standards Manager



As the new academic year is now under way I'd just like to wish you well with the delivery of your Level 1 Introductory programmes and highlight a few points to you, which you hopefully will find useful;

Lead Internal Verifier registration

The Lead IV for the Introductory Level 1 qualification registers across the suite and not as individual sectors, one Lead IV is registered for Introductory Level 1 for each centre. This person acts as the point of accountability for the quality assurance of these programmes.

The Lead Internal Verifier should;

- Register/re-register as Lead IV via the OSCA system, accessed through Edexcel Online. This should be done before 30th September
- Undertake annual standardisation by accessing the annual standardisation materials available via the OSCA system and work through these with your team
- Support assessment and internal verification within your centre

This year's standardisation materials have already been uploaded onto the OSCA system ready for you to access and use with your teams. The standardisation materials include:

- assignments, assessed learner work, assessor and internal verifier comments
- questions
- Senior Standards Verifier (SSV) commentaries and answers.

As Lead IV you will also have access to last year's OSCA materials which you can use to help train your team, if any of your team are new to the delivery of the Level 1 Introductory programme.

Level1 Introductory guide to Standards Verification

This year a separate Guide to Standards Verification has been produced specifically for the Introductory Level 1 suite and will be available on the website shortly.

Level 1 Introductory Senior Standards Verifier annual report

This year, for the first time, our Senior Standards Verifiers (SSVs) have been asked to produce a report regarding their sector following the completion of standards verification. This provides an overview of the qualification, and addresses any key points/common issues found in the sampling process, using examples of learner work to illustrate these.

Another point to remember from sampling is that the Level 1 Introductory suite introduced a 'Release with Actions' facility on the standards verification report form. This is useful in supporting centres to ensure they are fully compliant with BTEC requirements, without disadvantaging learners if some elements of centre processes need amending. If you undertook standards verification sampling in this last academic year you should read through your report for any actions and/or recommendations and ensure these are acted upon.



A word from **Christine Arnold**, Principal Standards Manager cont.

Standards Verifiers will follow up on these actions in future sampling.

Look out for the SSV's report, which will be available on the website shortly.

Assignment Checking Service

As your teams produce their assignment briefs for this academic year don't forget about the Assignment Checking Service. This is a free service whereby a centre can send two assignment briefs for each programme they are delivering for checking and feedback by the Senior Standards Verifier and we would encourage you to use this service.

Best wishes for the new academic year,

Christine Arnold



Sample Marked Learner work

Unit Ref	Unit Title	Sector	Grade	Link
A1	Being Organised	Core	M	Available through Edexcel online as standardisation material
Tbc	tbc	Applied Science		
Tbc	tbc	Art and Design		
B11	Recording Income and expenditure	Business	D	qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-entry-level-and-level-1-introductory/Business/2016/Sample%20marked%20learner%20work/Intro-L1-SMLW-Business-DISTINCTION-2016.pdf
CfC8	Providing a Pre-School Children's Reading Activity	Caring for Children	M	To be available on the website shortly
Con5	Drawing a plan of a room	Construction	P	qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-entry-level-and-level-1-introductory/construction/2016/specification/1.Intro-L1-SMLW-Construction-PASS-2016-FINAL-V2.pdf
DM6	Designing an Interactive Presentation	Digital Media	M	To be available on the website shortly
Tbc	tbc	Engineering		
Tbc	tbc	Health and Social Care		
		Hospitality and Tourism	PMD	Available through edexcel online as standardisation material
IT9	Creating a website	Information Technology	M	qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-entry-level-and-level-1-introductory/it-users/2016/specification/2.Intro-L1-SMLW-IT-Website-MERIT-2016-FINAL-V2.pdf
LBS6	Caring For and Feeding Animals	Land Based Studies	M	To be available on the website shortly
PA9		Performing Arts	M	
PS5	Finding out about Public Services	Public Services	M	To be available on the website shortly
SP7	Playing Sport	Sport	M	