BTEC for below Level 2

Flexible, skills-based qualifications for all your below Level 2 learners
Welcome

Welcome to your guide to BTEC qualifications specifically created for your below Level 2 learners.

You’ll find details of our Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications designed to help learners acquire the personal, social and employability skills they will need to progress to independent living, further study or employment. We’ve also included information about our Explorer Courses for Level 1 learners looking to bridge skills gaps they may have or explore a short taster of a sector before choosing to go on to further study or training.

All our new below Level 2 courses have been designed to:

- capture learner interest
- boost achievement and progression
- increase course retention rates.

BTEC is the only awarding body offering such a wide range of vocational, skills-based qualifications at this level and we are committed to continuing to offer practical, skills-based qualifications to help your learners confidently take their next steps.

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We understand the importance of making qualifications at this level practical and motivating for your learners, and as flexible as possible for you, so you can deliver courses precisely around their needs and aspirations.

Our new qualifications have been designed to give your Entry Level and Level 1 learners the opportunity to show what they can do not purely what they know.

- All units are skills-based and taught within a variety of different contexts such as self development, independence or vocational study.
- Pre-vocational Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2 qualifications are pass only and offer your learners a way to develop the essential personal and social skills they will need to progress to independent living, future employment or further study.
- Grading for Entry Level 3 and Level 1 means learners are motivated by their own progress and you have a clearer idea of when they are ready to move on and what progression route will be best for them.

Flexibility built in

We’ve designed these qualifications to complement one another in style and content giving you maximum flexibility.

Within each level you’ll find a range of sizes so you can more closely match learners to qualifications that will reflect their current skills set. This means you can and offer them realistic progression routes reflective of the pace and mode of learning.

- Units are written with a skills transferability approach so learners can move across levels and subject areas if needed.
- The flexible approach gives you the opportunity to create learning programmes based on the individual needs of your learners and offer them the best possible learning experience.

“Retention was over 90% for all pathways and many achieved 100%.”
Mid Kent College

“Learners progressing to Level 2 provision have had much more success in terms of retention and achievement”
The Cornwall College Group
BTEC qualifications offer progression opportunities for all your below Level 2 learners.

This map illustrates a range of likely learner profiles at this level and suggests the most relevant qualifications for them as well as potential progression opportunities.

 Learner profile

BTEC Entry Level 1 in Pre-vocational Study

 Learners with additional support needs wishing to acquire personal and social skills to progress to further study or independent living.

BTEC Entry Level 2 in Pre-vocational Study

 Learners with additional support needs needs competent at Entry 1 but needing to develop their skills further to support their progression to supported employment or further study.

BTEC Level Entry 3 Entry to Vocational Study

 Learners not quite ready for Level 1 Study looking to acquire introductory skills required for further vocational learning or those looking for a broad introduction to vocational learning.

BTEC Level 1 Introductory

 Learners who are confident at Entry Level 3 keen to move on to Level 1 vocational study or Level 1 learners not yet ready for Level 2 interested in exploring other vocational options at Level 1.

BTEC Explorer Courses

 Learners with specific skills gaps looking to try something new or advance their careers.

Learners with the life skills needed to progress to Entry Level 2 study, independent living or supported employment.

More confident learners able to move on to Entry 3 study, independent living or supported employment.

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BTEC Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2 in Pre-vocational Study

Our new pre-vocational qualifications for Entry 1 and Entry 2 learners have been designed so you can offer your learners practical, skills-based courses that can be tailored to suit their specific needs.

The qualification units have been designed to complement and aid progression from Entry 1 to Entry 2 helping learners to develop their skills through guided practical tasks.

Four sizes available:

- Subsidiary Award (30 GLH)
- Award (60 GLH)
- Certificate (120 GLH)
- Extended Certificate (300 GLH)

Course structure

Assessment is pass only, there are 20 optional units to choose from and no mandatory units. All optional units are generic and themed around:

- Skills for Personal Development
- Skills for current and future study
- Skills for current and future employment.

See next page for full list of optional study units
Optional study units

Entry 1 in Pre-vocational Study

1. Engaging in new situations
2. Following given routines
3. Handling Money
4. Cooking for yourself
5. Going on a visit
6. Exploring Health and Wellbeing
7. Take part in an event
8. Engaging in Customer Service
9. Developing digital Skills
10. Take part in a Performance
11. Developing Communication Skills
12. Take part in sport
13. Complete an art project
14. Exploring Creativity
15. Exploring Enterprise
16. Planning for the future
17. Engaging in team activities
18. Responding to a given target
19. Produce a written document
20. Developing independent travel skills

Entry 2 in Pre-vocational Study

1. Adapting to new situations
2. Following given instructions
3. Handling Others’ Money
4. Cooking for Others
5. Participating in a visit
6. Understanding Personal Health and Wellbeing
7. Participating in an Event
8. Providing a customer service
9. Using digital skills
10. Contribute to a performance
11. Communicating with Others
12. Participating in a sport activity
13. Create a Product
14. Being Creative
15. Participating in an Enterprise activity
16. Finding out about Future Options
17. Being part of a team
18. Working towards a given target
19. Create a document
20. Using Public Transport

*Please note these units are draft units and are subject to change.
BTEC Level Entry 3
Entry to Vocational Study

Our BTEC Entry to Vocational Study qualifications give you the opportunity to offer your below Level 2 learners a taste of the skills they will need for further Vocational Study. We’ve created units that are generic in nature so you can apply them to different contexts through activities most relevant to your learners and your centre.

Grading
All units are graded Pass or Merit giving your learners a chance to see their own progress and boost their interest and motivation to succeed. You’ll also be able to assess their abilities and their potential.

Assessment
We’ve included tips and ideas for how assessment for each unit can be contextualised for a particular sector, as well as highlighted practical opportunities to develop and assess English and Maths skills within each unit.

Teaching
You’ll find a range of suggested activities for introducing, developing and embedding skills within the specification document for each unit and additional help and support in our BTEC Entry to Vocational Study Delivery Guide available free to download from our website.
Course structure

There are 20 units available for learners across four qualifications sizes including a mix of mandatory and optional units.

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Optional Units (40 GLH)

Choose 1 from 20

Choose 2 from 20

Choose 3 from 20

Choose 6 from 20

Optional Units

- Unit 3: Finding Out About a Topic
- Unit 4: Designing a Product
- Unit 5: Creating a Product
- Unit 6: Presenting to Others I
- Unit 7: Making an Event a Success
- Unit 8: Providing Customer Service
- Unit 9: Going on a Visit
- Unit 10: Financial Awareness
- Unit 11: Living with Online Technology
- Unit 12: Using Technology for a Purpose
- Unit 13: Supporting Other Individuals
- Unit 14: Communicating with People
- Unit 15: Problem Solving by Thinking Creatively I
- Unit 16: Contributing to the Community
- Unit 17: Managing Time
- Unit 18: Responding to a Situation
- Unit 19: Health and Wellbeing for the Workplace
- Unit 20: Using Guidance

Find out more

Download your course materials at: quals.pearson.com/BTECbelowL2
BTEC Level 1 Introductory

Practical, graded, skills-based qualifications available across a wide range of industry sectors designed to give your learners the core skills they will need to progress to further study or employment.

**Graded** Pass, Merit or Distinction to motivate your learners and help you easily assess their potential.

**Assessment** is through a mix of mandatory and optional units. Mandatory Units are the same for learners across all sectors giving you the flexibility to move learners between courses while they are on-programme.

**Key teaching areas** in each unit include the essential sector skills and knowledge required along with transferable skills, such as communication and managing information, as well as opportunities to develop functional skills within each unit.

**Vocational Studies option available** offering learners a broader introduction to vocational learning and you more freedom to choose the context of your delivery and assessment. Learners take the same Mandatory Units but select Optional Units from the range of other sectors available.

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Optional Units (40 GLH)

- Choose 2 Optional Units
- Choose 1 Optional Unit
- Choose 3 Optional Units
- Choose 6 Optional Units

*Award size qualifications available from September 2019 - see web page for latest information.

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**Applied Science**

**Topics Include:**
- Making and testing products
- Carrying out experiments
- Investigating, measuring and testing

**Art and Design**

**Topics Include:**
- Creating and designing
- Planning and marketing an exhibition
- Different types of art methods
BTEC Level 1 Introductory qualifications available

**Business**
Topics Include:
- Exploring local business
- Branding and visual displays
- Meetings and events
- Communication and finance

**Caring for Children**
Topics Include:
- Emotional and social support
- Safe childcare
- Healthy eating
- Reading and numeracy
- Creative and physical activities

**Construction**
Topics Include:
- Drawing a plan
- Simple building and carpentry
- Minor repairs
- Decorating
- Electrical circuits
- Costing a job

**Digital Media**
Topics Include:
- Storyboards, layouts and interactive presentations
- Producing adverts and animations
- Audio and film making
- Editing and sharing media

**Engineering**
Topics Include:
- Using hand tools and machinery
- Welding processes
- Electrical circuits and installations
- Using CAD
- Routine services on motor vehicles

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**Health and Social Care**
Topics Include:
- Health and social care services communication skills
- Healthy lifestyle advice
- Caring activities
- Safe us of equipment

**Hospitality and Tourism**
Topics Include:
- Preparing, cooking and serving food and drink
- Visitor attractions
- Running and promoting events
- Customer service
BTEC Level 1 Introductory qualifications available

Information Technology
Topics Include:
- Developing and using digital technologies
- Solving IT problems
- Creating spreadsheets, websites and computer programmes

Land-based
Topics Include:
- Caring for, feeding and moving animals
- Growing and keeping healthy plants
- Using tools and machinery
- Preparing soil for planting

Sport
Topics Include:
- Effects of exercise on the body
- Training, playing and coaching sport
- Sports events and activities
- Keeping active and healthy

Transport and Vehicle
Topics Include:
- Replacing and rebuilding engine parts
- Leasing, renting and valeting vehicles
- Exploring vehicle technology
- Developing customer relationships

Performing Arts
Topics Include:
- Using stimulus for performance
- Designing and providing technical support
- Performance: Acting, Dance, Music
- Rehearsing and preparing for a performance

Public Services
Topics Include:
- Finding out about public services
- Taking part in fitness, sport and adventurous activities
- Security and responding to incidents
- Assisting members of the public

Vocational Studies
Topics Include:
- Learners study the same mandatory units, but can select their optional units from the range of other Level 1 Introductory sectors available

Download your course material at: quals.pearson.com/BTECbelowL2  teachingskills@pearson.com  020 7010 2193
Explorer Courses
for 19+ year olds

Our Explorer Courses have been designed to provide learners with the opportunity to try something new in a vocational sector at level 1. These are not new qualifications or units, they have been re-packaged from existing offers. Learners can study these courses as part of an induction programme, or as a bridging course from entry to level 1.

These courses will give learners who are considering a sector-based course a realistic idea of what it would be like to work in the sector.

Bite-sized content allows learners to explore the sector before committing to something more substantial. This will include information about the vast opportunities the sector will present but also the challenges, giving learners a real insight into how they may want to develop their career path.

Explorer courses are available for the following vocational sectors:

- Business
- Construction
- Digital
- Early Years Education and Childcare
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality
- Land
- Logistics

For full details visit our website qualis.pearson.com/BTECexplorer
Course materials and teaching support

For all our below Level 2 qualifications you’ll find a range of support materials to help you plan, teach and assess your learners as well as a range of training events to help you deliver your courses.

Course materials

All materials are free to download and are available in the course materials section of the relevant qualification page. You can link to these from our web page: quals.pearson.com/BTECbelowL2

Training

You can register for any of our free training events at quals.pearson.com/BTECtraining
You’ll also find a range of free role-specific events for those new to BTEC or needing additional help or support particularly around quality assurance processes at quals.pearson.com/BTECQAevents

Plan

Get to know your course

- Specifications
- Delivery Guides
- Skills Advisor
- Network events
- myBTEC

Teach

Support for teaching and learning

- Suggested activities
- Suggested unit delivery
- Sample assignment briefs
- Sample marked learner work

Assess and Track

Guidance and examples of the standard

- Quality Assurance Handbook
- Standardisation Training
- Standards Verifier visit
- Suggested assessment activities
- Assignment Checking Service
- myBTEC

Develop

Training

- Free training events:
  - Getting Ready to Teach
  - Network events
myBTEC

Your time-saving free workflow tool

Designed to work alongside your current VLE or MIS system to save you time throughout the assessment process, myBTEC will:

- help you quickly get started with your new BTEC course
- save you time with course planning, assignments, internal verification, marking and progress tracking.

myBTEC has been specially designed for BTEC qualifications, so you can be confident that you are getting it right.

Find out more

quals.pearson.com/myBTEC

New to BTEC?

If you’re new to BTEC or need help getting started with your new course we’ve a web page dedicated to helping you get started quals.pearson.com/DeliveringBTEC as well as a quick guide available to download.

Specialist help and advice

You also have access to our specialist Skills Advisor, Melanie Williams, who will be happy to help with any questions you may have about teaching any of these exciting new qualifications.

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