REAL SKILLS
REAL EXPERIENCE
REAL QUALIFICATIONS

DISCOVER REAL-WORLD LEARNING AND TAKE YOUR STUDENTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH BTEC HIGHER NATIONALS
Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. With so many students now seeking to enter the world of work, it is becoming more important for them to gain the right skills to secure a job when stepping into the outside world.

BTEC Higher Nationals have a long history of delivering higher level technical and professional skills - now redeveloped, they provide real world experience as well as academic knowledge; ensuring students will leave with the required expertise, as identified by business and industry, and with the flexibility to go straight into employment or continue to a degree.

Whichever path they choose, BTEC Higher Nationals offer students real opportunities and real qualifications to prosper in the real world.

In designing the BTEC Higher Nationals we’ve worked closely with relevant Professional Bodies, to ensure alignment with recognised professional standards, and with universities to ensure alignment with degree programmes. The new BTEC Higher National qualifications are designed to reflect the increasing need for high quality professional and technical education pathways at Levels 4 and 5, providing students with a clear line of sight to employment and to progression to a degree at Level 6.

This guide is aimed at college Careers Advisors, who have a responsibility to inform students about their different higher education options, and would benefit from knowing more about BTEC Higher National qualifications.
BTEC is the world’s most successful and best-loved applied learning brand, and it has been engaging students in practical, interpersonal and thinking skills for more than thirty years.

BTEC Higher Nationals are professional / technical higher education qualifications, recognised as equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree. Designed for students who want to gain both recognition through higher education level study - and want to progress to the final year of an honours degree, AND those who want an industry recognised qualification providing the skills and experience to support their progression in employment. BTEC Higher Nationals are co-designed with industry, employers and professional bodies, and are therefore widely recognised by industry and higher education as the principal vocational qualification at Levels 4 and 5, equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree.

- When redeveloping the Pearson BTEC Higher National qualifications, we collaborated with a wide range of students, employers, higher education providers, colleges and subject experts, to ensure that the new qualifications meet their needs and expectations.

- There is now a greater emphasis on employer engagement and work readiness.

- They are designed to reflect this increasing need for high-quality professional and technical education pathways at Levels 4 and 5.

- These qualifications provide students with a clear pathway to employment, and a recognised progression route to gain the further learning required at Level 6.

BTEC Higher Nationals are taught to over 100,000 students in 58 countries worldwide...

...and are available in over 40 different subjects

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS CHOOSE BTEC HIGHER NATIONALS?

BTEC Higher Nationals are designed to help students secure the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to succeed in the workplace. They represent the latest in professional standards and provide opportunities for students to develop behaviours for work, for example by undertaking a group project, or responding to a client brief.

82% of HN students agree that their course is preparing them for a degree.
The course is very intensive and clearly prepares you for the future, whether you want to further your studies and go to university, look for employment, or start your own business.
- BTEC HND Business Student 2017

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN HNC AND AN HND?**

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<td>• Equivalent to the first year of a University degree.</td>
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<td>• Usually a more introductory programme with a ‘core’ of learning essential to the subject (some sectors may have more specialist content depending on level of entry to the job market).</td>
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<td>• Opportunities to develop project management skills.</td>
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Assessment for both years will be through a varied programme of assignments.

Core modules credit values may vary by subject but will not be less than 30% of the whole qualification.
DESIGNED FOR CLEAR TRANSITION

Entry points: A level 3 qualification, for example, a BTEC Level 3 or A-level. Access to HE Diploma.

Level 4 Higher National Certificate (120 Credits)

Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 Credits)

Full-time employment

Level 6 Honours Degree Programme

Professional body qualifications

DESIGNED TO WORK IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

BTEC Higher Nationals are supported by a specially designed range of digital resources, to ensure that students and tutors have the best possible experience throughout their teaching and learning experience. These are available on our free dedicated platform for Higher National students – HN Global. They’ll be able to access free online learning to develop their study skills to support their higher education learning, and career development resources to support them with preparing for the real world. With HN Global, students can also participate within a community of other BTEC Higher National students from around the world, via online forums, to discuss anything relevant to their course.
Liam is a real BTEC success story, starting on a BTEC First before progressing through BTEC Level 3 and 4, he has just completed his BTEC Higher National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) and his EngTech. Liam is now studying for his BSc in Civil Engineering. During his time at Leeds College of Building, he evolved from a shy, quiet student into an innovative, strategic thinker who regularly challenges and changes ineffective procedures at work. Liam now runs CPD training for his office, volunteers at environmental days and mentors young apprentices.

He began working at BWB Consulting in February 2015 and has continued his studies, sponsored by BWB, while gaining on-the-job experience within their Leeds Transport and Infrastructure Design team. Liam has become a valued member of the team and a real asset to both BWB and to his industry.

Liam won our BTEC Higher National Student of the Year Award for 2016.
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| **Business**                      | • Accounting and Finance  
• Business Management  
• Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management  
• Human Resource Management  
• Marketing  
• Operations Management | Business Advisor; Human Resources Officer; Training and Development Officer; Recruitment Consultant; Communications Planner; Accounting Technician. | Business Manager; Business Development Manager; Human Resources Manager; Recruitment Consultant; Marketing Executive/Manager; Logistics and Distribution Manager; Supply Chain Manager; Service Delivery Manager; Retail Manager; Financial Advisor; Sales Manager; Small Business Advisor. |
| **Engineering**                   | • Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
• General Engineering  
• Manufacturing Engineering  
• Mechanical Engineering  
• Operations Engineering | Electrical Engineering Technician; Electronics Engineering Technician; Mechanical Engineering Technician; Manufacturing Systems Technician; Automotive Engineering Technician; Engineering Maintenance Technician. | Electrical Engineer; Electronic Engineer; Mechanical Engineer; Manufacturing Systems Engineer; Automotive Engineer; Maintenance Engineer. |
| **Aeronautical Engineering**      | • Aircraft Aerodynamics  
| **Nuclear Engineering**           | • Nuclear Operations (Electrical and Engineering)  
• Nuclear Operations (Mechanical) | Nuclear Engineering Technician; Nuclear Maintenance Technician | Nuclear Engineer; Nuclear Maintenance Project Engineer; Nuclear Maintenance Operations Engineer. |
| **Computing**                    | • Network Engineering  
• Software Engineering  
• Data Analytics  
• Security  
• Intelligent Systems  
• Applications Development | Systems Engineer; Support Technician; Database Administrator; Servicestack Technician; System Testing Engineer; Network Support Technician. | Network Engineer; Systems Architect Network Manager; Software Developer; Systems Designer; Business Analyst; Games Developer; Web Developer; Business Analyst Marketing Analyst; Data Engineer; Fraud Analyst; Operation Research Scientist; Forensic Computer Analysts; IT Security Coordinator; Ethical Hacker; Fraud Analyst. |
| **Construction and the Built Environment** | • Construction - Management  
• Construction - Architectural Technology  
• Civil Engineering  
• Building Services Engineering - Heating, Ventilation and Air-conditioning  
• Building Services Engineering - Electrical  
• Surveying | Assistant Design Coordinator; Construction Design Technician; Construction Technician; Architectural Draftsperson; Architectural Technician; Heating/Cooling System Technician; Building Services Engineering Technician; Site Engineering Technician; Construction Surveying Technician. | Design & Build Co-ordinator; Construction Site Supervisor; Site Manager; Project Manager; Health & Safety Manager; Architectural Technologist; Information Manager; Architectural Designer; Heating/Cooling System Designer; Electrical System Designer; Lighting System Designer; Structural Engineering Design; Civil Engineering Design; Transport Engineering Design. |
| **Art and Design**                | • Product Design  
• Interior Design  
• Fashion  
• Textiles  
• Graphic Design  
• Photography  
• Art Practice  
• Digital Design | Assistant Art Production Manager; Logo Designer; Broadcast Designer; Assistant Illustrator; Photographer’s Assistant; Layout Artist; Assistant Web Developer; Fine Artist; Ceramicist; Pattern Cutter; 3D Designer; Textile Designer; Assistant Stylist; Fashion Forecasting Specialist. | Art Director; Illustrator; Visual Image Developer; Photographer; Content Developer; Web Designer; Interface Designer; Package Designer; User Experience Designer; Fine Artist; Ceramic Designer; Fashion Designer; Interior Design Assistant; Assistant Product Designer; Textile Designer; Stylist; Assistant Fashion Forecaster; Jewellery Designer. |
| **Sport**                         | • Outdoor Adventure  
• Community Sport and Physical Activity  
• Leisure Management  
• Sport (General) | Outdoor Adventure Instructor; Field Studies Officer; Sports Coaching; Health Promotion; Corporate Sports Hospitality; Outreach Work; Sports Entrepreneurship; Armed Forces and Police. | Adventure Tourism Manager; Environmental Education; Youth Development Officers; Sports Development; Health and Fitness Management; Sports Facility Management; Sports Event Management; PE teaching (via a PGCE). |
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• Exercise, Health and Lifestyle  
• Sport and Exercise Science (General) | Sport Coach; Community Sports Leader; Performance Developer; Sports Development Officer; Leisure Development Officer; Armed Forces or Uniformed Services. | Sports Therapist; Cardiac Rehabilitation Technician; Sports and Exercise Scientist; Strength and Conditioning; Teaching or Lecturing (via a PGCE). |
| **Public Services**               | • Protective Services  
• Crime and Criminal Justice  
• Public Service Management  
• Public Services (General) | Police Officer (if reached min age 18); Prison Officer (if reached min age 18); Firefighter (if reached min age 18); Royal Navy; Royal Marines; Army; Royal Air Force; Local Government Administrator. | Police Officer; Prison Officer; Royal Navy; Royal Marines; Army; Royal Air Force; Firefighter (middle management); Local Government project management/senior clerical; Public Sector Commercial Officer. |
| **Applied Sciences**              | This qualification is under development for first teaching in 2019. Older versions are available, please consult with your local college about options for Applied Chemistry or Applied Biology. | Laboratory Technician - Research; Laboratory Technician - Process; Development; Polymer Technologist; Laboratory Manager; Laboratory Analyst. | Analytical Chemist; Molecular Biologist; Microbiologist; Formulation Scientist; Process Technologist; Biotechnologist; Biochemist; Botanist; Clinical Engineer; Ecologist; Marine Biologist; Medical Laboratory Assistant; Microbiologist; Zoological Scientist; Food Scientist; Nature conservation Officer; Environmental Engineer; Pharmacologist; Research and Development Scientist; Research scientist (life sciences); Research scientist (medical); Soil Scientist; Analytical Scientist; Chemical Engineer; Chemistry Laboratory Technician; Colour Technologist; Industrial Chemist; Toxicologist. |
| **Hospitality Management**       | • Hospitality Management  
• Culinary Arts Management  
• Food and Beverage  
• Accommodation and Revenue Management  
• Events  
• Innovative Marketing and Sales | Assistant Kitchen Manager; Head Chef/Cook; Head of Waiting Staff; Head Barman; Restaurant Assistant Manager; Food and Beverage Assistant Manager; Front Office Manager; Head of Housekeeping; Assistant General Manager; Group Revenue Manager; Assistant Coffee Shop Manager; Events Manager; Events Co-ordinator; Assistant Product Manager. | Senior Chef; Head Chef; Sous Chef; Special Events Manager; Conference and Banqueting Manager; Events Project Manager; Bar/Pub Manager; Restaurant Manager; Food and Beverage Manager; Front of House Manager; Hotel Manager; Resort Manager; Hotel Operations Manager; Revenue and Sales Manager; Product and Sales Manager; Sales and Marketing Manager; Sales Development Manager; Hospitality Customer Relationships Manager. |

It’s a great way to get your foot in the door of employment, greater than that compared to going to university. - HNC Electrical and electronic Engineering student 2017.
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| Travel and Tourism Management     | • International Travel and Tourism Management  
• Aviation  
• Destination Management  
• Events  
• Sustainable Management  
• Tour Operations  
• Innovation, Culture and Heritage | Destination Planning Officer; Tourism Development Officer; Flight Operations Manager; Passenger Operations Manager; Travel Supervisor; Travel Assistant Manager; Corporate Travel Assistant Manager; Sustainable Tourism Officer; Visitor Attraction Assistant Manager; Events Co-ordinator; Events Planner; Destination Planning Officer; Tourism Development Officer. | Air Charter Manager; Aircraft Movement Manager; Airport Ground Handling Manager; Airline Operations Manager; Passenger Services Manager; Destination Manager; Events Manager; Events Project Manager; Visitor Attraction Manager; Curation and Interpretation Officer; Destination Manager; Learning Programme Manager; Operations Executive; Operations Support Manager; Group Operations Manager; Product Development Manager; Sales and Marketing Manager; Tourism Development Manager; Sustainable Development Tourism Officer; Eco-Lodge Manager. |
| Performing Arts                   | • Acting  
• Musical Theatre  
• Dance  
• Technical Arts  
• Performing Arts (General) | Stage Crew; Lighting Operator; Sound Operator; Hair and Mair Up Assistant; Wardrobe Assistant; Performer: Vocalist, Dancer and Actor; Dancer: Jazz, Ballet, Commercial Dance, Tap, American Tap, Contemporary; Actor: Stage, Camera and Multimedia. | Costume Designer; Sound Designer; Hair and Make Up Designer; Assistant Stage Manager; Deputy Stage Manager; Stage Manager; Lighting Designer; Dancer; Jazz, Ballet, Commercial Dance, Tap, American Tap, Contemporary, Physical Theatre; Choreographer; Assistant Choreographer; Dance Captain; Performer: Vocalist, Dancer and Actor; Actor: Stage, Camera and Multimedia. |
| Music                             | • Business  
• Session Musician  
• Artist Development  
• Production  
• Sound Design  
• Sound Engineering  
• Composition | Top Line Songwriter; Arranger; Songwriter; Transcriber; Performer; Solo Artist; Roadie; Music Producer; Music Promoter. | Composer for Film; Composer for Media; Composer for TV; Composer for Games/Apps; Studio Session Musician; Live Session Musician; Solo Artist; Performer; Sound Designer; Assistant Sound Designer; Sound Engineer; Studio Sound Engineer; Live Sound Engineer; Studio Sound Engineer; Music Producer; Record Label Manager; Record Label Owner; Event Manager; Artist Manager. |
| Social and Community Work         | • Integrated Health and Social Care  
• Social Care Leadership and Management  
• Community Development  
• Social and Community Work Practice  
• Children, Young People and Families Practitioner | Social Work Assistant; Community Support Development Worker; Personal Assistant; Volunteer Assistant Organiser; Communication Support Worker; Palliative Care Assistant; Careers Adviser; Assistant Welfare Officer; Learning Mentor; Organisational Development Assistant; Project Worker; Outreach Worker; Support Worker; Advice, Support and Guidance Worker. | Family Support Worker; Community Development Officer; Community Support Worker; Life Coach; Occupational Therapy Support Worker; Project Manager; Children, Young People and Families Practitioner; Family Mediator; Volunteer Coordinator; Volunteer Manager; Welfare Rights Officer; Mental Health Advocate; Outreach Manager; Policy Advisor; Senior Support Worker; General Office Manager. |
| Healthcare Practice               | • Integrated Care  
• Healthcare Management  
• Public Health & Health Promotion  
• Healthcare (Assistant Practitioner)  
• Nursing Assistant | Care Navigator; Healthcare Support Worker; Social Care Support Worker; Healthcare Assistant; Healthcare Administrator; Personal Assistant; Assistant Operational Manager; Assistant Health Advisor; Assistant Health Educator; Assistant Health Improvement Officer; Primary Care Liaison Officer; Unqualified Assistant Practitioner; Nursing Assistant; Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator; Activities Coordinator. | Senior Healthcare Assistant; Senior Support Worker; Healthcare Administration Manager; Health Educator; Health Advisor; Public Health Practitioner; Wellbeing Coordinator; Health Improvement Officer; Assistant Practitioner; Nursing Assistant/Auxiliary; Smoking Cessation Advisor; Substance Misuse Worker; Project Manager; General Office Manager; Occupational Therapy Support Worker; Physiotherapy Assistant; Support, Time and Recovery Worker; Theatre Support Worker. |
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<td>Animal Keeper; Animal Controls Officer; Animal Health Officer; Animal Trainer; Wildlife Technician; Animal Organization Researcher; Retail Supervisor; Animal Instructor; Laboratory Technician; Horse Riding Instructor; Freelance Events Organizer; Horse Breeder; Horse Trainer; Head Groom; Agriculture Livestock Manager (Dairy, Pigs, Poultry, Sheep, Beef, etc.); Agriculture Instructor; Crop Production Technician; Crop Technician; Livestock Pedigree Breeder; Plant Breeder/Grower; Garden Centre Department Supervisor; Sales Representative; Garden Designer; Landscape Contractor.</td>
<td>Animal Behaviour Consultant; Kennel and Cattery Manager; Pet Store Manager; Animal Rescue Centre Manager; Research Officer; Veterinary Technician; Animal Nutritionist; Medical Sales Representative; Lecturer; Equine Yard Manager; Professional Horse Rider; Equine Activity Centre Manager; Animal Counsellor; Veterinary Practice Manager; Farm and Estate Manager; Plant Nursery Manager; Garden Centre Manager; Crop Production Manager.</td>
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*This list is a combination of pathways at both BTEC HNC and HND level. Please consult with your local college regarding exact pathways to be delivered within your chosen qualification.

**These are suggestions of the typical job roles related to this qualification at this level. Pearson does not guarantee employment upon completion, and you will have a responsibility to make sure that you meet the employer's requirements.

### Creative Media

- Sound Media
- Film and Television
- Journalism
- Web and App Development
- Motion Graphics
- Visual Effects
- Game Development

VFX Artist; Assistant 3D Artist; Assistant Compositor; Runner; Assistant Web Developer; Assistant UX Designer; Assistant UI Designer; Assistant Audio Technician; Assistant Match Move Artist; Assistant Recording Technician; Assistant Camera Operator; Assistant Concept Artist; Assistant Motion Graphics Artist; Assistant Lighting Technician; Assistant Copy Editor; Assistant Digital Animator; Assistant Script Editor.

VFX Supervisor; 3D Artist; Compositor; Web Developer; UX Designer; UI Designer; Audio Technician; Recording Technician; Camera Operator; Motion Graphics Artist; Copy Editor; Digital Animator; Scriptwriter; Script Editor; Lighting Technician; Concept Artist; Match Move Artist.

### DESIGNED TO TAKE YOUR STUDENTS FURTHER

Whether to, or within employment, or onto the final year of a university degree, Pearson is dedicated to creating opportunities to help students once they have completed their qualification.

We work with universities in the UK and around the world, explaining the content, structure and purpose of BTEC Higher National qualifications, so that the universities recognise a student’s value and accept applications from them as a BTEC Higher National holder, onto a degree programme. Students can find all these articulations on our [Degree Course Finder website](#). (You should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at specific higher education providers).

We also work with employers to produce our qualifications, to make sure the BTEC Higher Nationals are up-to-date and meet the requirements of industry. This means that students will be learning the skills and knowledge wanted by employers. We gain recognition from employers so that whilst they are reviewing job applications, they already understand a student’s value and significance by being an applicant holding a BTEC Higher National qualification.

We also engage with professional bodies to create clear routes of progression for BTEC Higher National holders, so they can use their qualification to fully, or partially, claim a professional certification and gain accelerated progression towards, for example, Chartered status.

### BTEC Higher National Qualification

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<td>Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ACCA, CIMA, CIPD, CIPS</td>
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<td>Computing</td>
<td>CompTIA, CISCO, Microsoft, Oracle, AXELOS</td>
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<td>Construction and the Built Environment</td>
<td>Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Chartered Institution of Highways &amp; Transportation (CIHT), Institute of Highways Engineers (IHE).</td>
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In 2017, Pearson asked students from around the world why they enjoy studying a BTEC Higher National qualification. BTEC Higher Nationals really do make a difference to students' lives, and prepare them for real world experiences that they will require when embarking on their career journey.

Click on the video to find out what some of our current students have to say.

**DESIGNED TO MEET YOUR BUDGET**

**Costs**
Please note that the annual tuition fees to study a BTEC Higher National qualification are at the discretion of the college and can be found within their prospectus.

**Funding**
BTEC Higher Nationals are subject to student loan funding within Further Education Colleges, but students will generally only receive student finance for their first higher education qualification. A full breakdown of available funding can be found on the opposite page.

If a student is considering a BTEC Higher National at a private college in the UK, they will need to consult with college regarding the tuition fees.

Students can visit [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance) for more information about loans and grants, and to apply.

**What to do next:** 1. If students are interested in studying a BTEC Higher National qualification, they should spend time researching the course that they are interested in. 2. Visit college website(s) and attend open days to find out what they have to offer. 3. Make sure they meet all application requirements. 4. Speak to careers advisors and alumni to find out more about their options once they have completed their course.
### Tuition Fee Loan

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<td>Tuition fee loan</td>
<td>HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, PGCE, BSc (Hons) Top-up (apply through chosen university)</td>
<td>Yes • Up to £9,000 per year</td>
<td>Yes • Up to £6,750 per year</td>
<td>A repayable government loan from Student Finance England to pay for the tuition fees of a higher education course – the amount is paid directly to the college on the student’s behalf. They’ll only need to start repaying the loan after they’ve completed their course and they’re earning more than £21,000 per year. Visit <a href="http://www.gov.uk/student-finance">www.gov.uk/student-finance</a> for more information.</td>
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### Maintenance Loan

| Maintenance Loan       | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, PGCE                      | Yes • Living at home (up to £6,904)                          | No                                                          | A low-interest, repayable loan to pay towards living costs such as rent – the amount is paid to a student’s personal bank account through instalments across the duration of your course. They’ll only need to start repaying the loan after they’ve completed their course and they’re earning more than £21,000 per year. |

### Childcare Grant

| Childcare Grant        | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree                            | Yes • Up to £155.24 a week for one child                      | No                                                          | This grant helps with childcare costs for children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs. Students do not have to pay this money back and they must be eligible for student finance to apply. Visit [www.gov.uk/chilcare-grant](http://www.gov.uk/chilcare-grant) for more information. |

### Adult Dependent Grant

| Adult Dependent Grant  | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree                            | Yes • Up to £2,757 per year                                  | No                                                          | This grant is for students with an adult who depends on them financially. The money is paid in three termly instalments direct into their bank account and they do not have to pay this money back. Visit [www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant](http://www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant) for information. |

### Professional & Career Development Loan

| Professional & Career Development loan | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, Art & Design pre-degree | Yes • Between £300 and £10,000 in total                      | Yes • Between £300 and £10,000 in total                      | A loan from a participating high street bank to pay for the cost of the course. Loans are usually offered at a reduced interest rate and the government pays the interest while the student studies. Visit [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans) for more information. |

### Parents’ Learning Allowance

| Parents’ Learning Allowance | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree                            | Yes                                                        | No                                                          | Help with course-related costs if students have children who depend on them. Students can apply for Parents’ Learning Allowance even if they choose not to apply for Childcare Grant. Students can get up to £1,573 a year dependant on other income sources. Visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinancesteps](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinancesteps) for more information. |

### Disabled Students’ Allowance

| Disabled Students’ Allowance | HNC, HND, Foundation Degree                            | Yes                                                        | Yes                                                         | Students can apply if they have a disability, including a long-term health condition; mental health condition; specific learning difficulty, eg dyslexia. They must meet the definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010. The support students get depends on their individual needs and not on income. Visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinancesteps](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinancesteps) for more information. |

* This information was correct at the time of production, but is subject to change and only applies to students from England. Students from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, or anywhere in the EU will need to visit [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance) for more details.

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**It’s a great course, it has given me a lot of skills and new knowledge to help me with employment and what to expect from employers. It was more affordable than the first year of university, and it allowed me to stay at home and study in an environment I am comfortable in. It also means I have a qualification under my belt, and am able to take this skill to university and to any future careers.** - BTEC HNC Business Student, 2017

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As part of an initial advice and guidance, interview and enrolment procedure, colleges might take into account the prior experience and knowledge you have gained from outside the formal education and training system. This is known as Recognition of Prior Learning, or RPL. Speak to your local college if you’re unsure.
If you have any further queries, or would like more information about any individual subject, please contact highernationals@pearson.com