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This document outlines universities and higher education institutions that have indicated they will consider one or more Pearson BTEC Level 7 qualification, specifically our Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership (SM&L) for postgraduate study or credit exemption.

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list. Many other institutions worldwide may also accept BTEC Level 7 qualifications. Learners are strongly encouraged to research potential progression routes and contact universities directly before applying.

Important Considerations

- **Recognition versus Admission:** Recognition of a qualification does not guarantee admission. Learners must meet specific university entry requirements, which may include subject relevance, credit thresholds, and professional experience.
- **Admission Criteria May Change:** University policies and entry requirements are subject to change. Always verify the latest information with the institution.
- **Country-Specific Approaches:** Recognition and use of BTEC Level 7 qualifications vary by country. In some regions, these qualifications are formally recognised by national education bodies or professional frameworks, which can support university acceptance.

Qualification Sizes

Pearson offers three sizes of the Level 7 qualification:

- **Certificate (20 credits):** A short, focused introduction to strategic management and leadership.
- **Diploma (60 credits):** A broader programme covering strategic change, marketing, HR, and more.
- **Extended Diploma (120 credits):** A comprehensive postgraduate-level programme designed to prepare learners for senior leadership roles.

Reminder: Recognition of a Level 7 qualification does not automatically mean it will be accepted for the specific course or pathway a learner is applying to. Always verify with the admissions office. This list is regularly updated as we receive new information from universities. If you would like us to discuss BTEC Level 7 recognition with a university, please contact us at: progression@pearson.com

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Level 7 Strategic Management Recognition/ Advanced Credit

Table 1: Highlights institutions that offer specific progression pathways from Level 7 BTEC Strategic Management and Leadership to postgraduate qualifications. These progression pathways often enable advanced credit, however, **check for additional requirements**, such as work experience, English language proficiency, or supplementary documentation (e.g. transcripts, unit descriptors).

University	Country	Recognition
Ajeenkya DY Patil University	India	Yes, Master of Business Administration top-up (60 credit)
Auckland Institute of Studies	New Zealand	Limited cross credits may be possible into the MBA programme, to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with a maximum of 60 credits based on the structure of the MBA and requirement for full-time study, i.e. at least 120 credits out of 180 credits for the MBA.
British Applied College	UAE	Assessed on an individual basis
Cardiff Metropolitan University	UK	Yes, Master of Business Administration top-up (60 credit)
Charles Sturt University	Australia	Assessed on an individual basis
dBs Institute	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
EM Normendie Business School Dubai	UAE	Assessed on an individual basis
Kingston University (School of Art)	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
Leeds Beckett University	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
London Academy for Applied Technology (LAAT) (In collab with Plymouth Marjon University)	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
London Studio Centre	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
London Studio Centre (Dance and Musical Theatre)	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
Middlesex University	UK	Assessed on an individual basis

Middlesex University Mauritius Campus	Mauritius	Assessed on an individual basis
Nottingham Trent University	UK	Yes, for MA/ MSc but can't use credits on MBA due to AMBA accreditation rules.
Queen Mary, University of London	UK	They encourage people to apply, and then their academic colleagues would be able to assess the content of the Diploma for APL
Teesside University International Business School	UK	Would like to formalise progression routes
The University of East London	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
The University of Portsmouth	UK	Yes, MA Business Management (Top-up) 60 Credits MA Business and Computer Studies (Top-up) 60 Credits MA/MSc Professional Studies (Top-up) 60 credits
The University of Reading	UK	On a case-by-case basis. The maximum that we can allow for exemption is 1/3 of the programme (which would mean up to 60 credits for an MA/MSc).
The University of South Wales	UK	On a case-by-case basis
The University of Sunderland	UK	Master of Business Administration (60 credit) The Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership Extended Diploma has been mapped to the following University of Sunderland programmes: Master of Business Administration (60 credit Top up) Master of Business Administration (HRM) (60 credit Top up)
The University of Wolverhampton (India)	India	Assessed on an individual basis
University of Bath	UK	BTEC Level 7 professional qualifications will only be considered with prior assessment and degree of interest.
University of Hull Business School	UK	For the following courses: MSc Business Management. Potentially for EMBA programme, but further work and approval will be required as this is an AMBA qualification.
University of Sunderland (Hong Kong)	Hong Kong	Assessed on an individual basis

University of Tasmania	Australia	Assessed on an individual basis
University of Winchester Business School	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
University of the West of England, Bristol	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
University of York	UK	Assessed on an individual basis
Virscend University	US	Assessed on an individual basis
Westford University College (Canterbury Christ Church)	UAE/UK	MBA International (Top-up) - Awarded by Canterbury Christ Church University, UK (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time): https://www.mywestford.com/masters-in-business-administration-top-up/
Westford University College (Cardiff Metropolitan University)	UAE/UK	Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Awarded by Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK: (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time) https://www.mywestford.com/mba-diploma-strategic-management-leadership-cardiff-metropolitan/
Westford University College (University of Gloucestershire)	UAE/UK	Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Awarded by Awarded by University of Gloucestershire, UK (Study in UAE - Full Time/Part-time): https://www.mywestford.com/mba-glos/

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Universities that consider applications from students with a broad range of L7 qualifications (but do not specify credit transfers) are highlighted in **Table 2**.

Contact the university directly to confirm whether the Pearson BTEC Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership qualification is accepted and whether advanced credits can be applied. **Check for additional requirements**, such as work experience, English language proficiency, or supplementary documentation (e.g. transcripts, unit descriptors).

Table 2: Level 7 Recognition

Abingdon and Witney College – UK
 ACM (Association of Contemporary Music) Guildford Limited – UK
 Ajeenkya DY Patil University – India
 Arden University – UK
 Arts University Plymouth – UK

Ascencia Malta – Malta
 Auckland Institute of Studies – New Zealand
 Britts Imperial University College – UAE
 British Applied College – UAE
 Canberra University – Australia

Cardiff Metropolitan University – UK
 Charles Sturt University – Australia
 City and Guilds London Arts School – UK
 City and Guilds of London Art School – UK
 Coventry University – UK
 Coventry University (Egypt Campus) – Egypt
 Coventry University (India Campus) – India
 Coventry University (Kazakhstan Campus) – Kazakhstan
 Coventry University (London Campus) – UK
 Coventry University (Poland Campus) – Poland
 Coventry University (Scarborough Campus) – UK
 dBs Institute – UK
 Edinburgh Napier University – UK
 EM Normandie Business School Dubai – UAE
 Glasgow School of Art – UK
 Griffith University – Australia
 Griffith University (Gold Coast) – Australia
 Harper Adams University – UK
 Humboldt State University – US
 IMI International Management Institute Switzerland – Switzerland
 Kingston University (School of Art) – UK
 Leeds Beckett University – UK
 Linfield University – US
 London Academy for Applied Technology (LAAT) (In collab with Plymouth Marjon University) – UK
 London Studio Centre (Dance and Musical Theatre) – UK
 Middlesex University – UK
 Middlesex University Mauritius Campus – Mauritius
 Norland College – UK
 Northern School of Contemporary Dance – UK
 Plymouth University – UK
 Point Blank Music School – UK
 Queen Mary, University of London – UK
 Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance – UK
 Richmond American University London – UK
 Royal Academy of Music – UK
 SAE University College, Dubai – UAE
 Sheffield Hallam University – UK
 St Mary's Twickenham, London – UK
 Suffolk University, Boston – US
 The Engineering and Design Institute London – UK
 The London Interdisciplinary School Ltd – UK
 The Nottingham Trent University – UK
 The University of East London – UK
 The University of Hertfordshire – UK
 The University of Huddersfield – UK
 The University of Kent – UK
 The University of Leicester – UK
 The University of Portsmouth – UK
 The University of Reading – UK
 The University of South Wales – UK
 The University of Southampton – UK
 The University of Sunderland – UK
 The University of Sunderland (Hong Kong) – Hong Kong
 The University of the West of Scotland – UK
 The University of Westminster – UK
 The University of Wolverhampton (India) – India
 Uni of Bolton (University of Greater Manchester) Ras Al Khaimah Campus – UAE
 University College Birmingham – UK
 University for the Creative Arts – UK
 University of Bath – UK

University of Bolton RAK – (Country not specified)
University of East London – UK
University of Hertfordshire – UK
University of Huddersfield – UK
University of Hull Business School – UK
University of Kent – UK
University of Leicester – UK
University of Lethbridge – Canada
University of London – UK
University of Plymouth – UK
University of Reading – UK
University of South Wales – UK
University of Tasmania – Australia
University of the Arts, London – UK
University of the West of England, Bristol – UK
University of the West of Scotland – UK
University of Wales Trinity Saint David – UK
University of Winchester – UK
University of York – UK
Virscend University – US
West Dean College – UK
Westford University College – UAE
Wichita State University – US
William Woods University – US