

Dear Head of Centre,

BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010) update for international centres

We regularly review all our qualifications to ensure they continue to meet the needs of learners in helping them progress to the next stage of their lives, whether into further education or employment.

In 2014, we began a review of our BTEC Level 3 National (2010) qualifications, in light of new UK government recommendations for vocational qualifications. We are writing to tell you about our plans for the BTEC Level 3 National (2010) qualifications we offer internationally and ask for your help in ensuring they meet your needs.

Extensions to last registration date for our current BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010)

As a result of our consultation with educators and key stakeholders, we are pleased to announce an extension to the last registration date for our existing BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010) qualifications in the **majority of sectors to 31 December 2017**, allowing student registrations until the end of December 2017 with a last certification date of 31 December 2020. This means that you can continue to register learners onto these qualifications with confidence up until 31 December 2017. BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010) will also continue to attract UCAS points and provide a clear progression pathway to Higher Education.

The only sectors we are not extending are Beauty Therapy, Dental Technology, Pharmaceutical Science. Please see the table below for further details.

Sector	End date	Certification end date
Beauty Therapy	31 July 2016	31 July 2019
	Review date	
Dental Technology	31 August 2016	
Pharmaceutical Science	31 December 2016	

Supporting you every step of the way

We will continue to support your delivery of the BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010), with a comprehensive range of free resources available on our [website](#), including:



New BTEC Nationals (2016) with external assessment in the UK

You may have noticed on our website a new range of BTEC National qualifications which include an element of external assessment. We're introducing these qualifications to UK centres for first teaching in September 2016, although they are currently not available to international centres.

We need your feedback

We want to ensure that we offer the best possible international BTEC level 3 provision, which meets your needs and those of your learners. To do this effectively, we are currently exploring the long-term international BTEC level 3 provision and are actively consulting centres on this. We would really value your input into the consultation process.

If you would like to participate, please complete this [online form](#). We will then get in touch to involve you to ask for your feedback on what you need from a BTEC level 3 suite, including features and support.

Next steps

We would like to establish a continual dialogue with you throughout the BTEC level 3 consultation process, so we can keep you up to date with all of the latest developments. Please [sign up online here](#) to receive our monthly BTEC newsletter. We look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,



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