

Grade Boundaries

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**External Assessments for BTEC
Level 3 Nationals**

Understanding external assessment grade boundaries for BTEC Level 3 Nationals

This document shows the grade boundaries for our BTEC externally assessed assessments. For each set of grade boundaries the maximum number of available marks and the size of the unit in Guided Learning Hours (GLH) is also shown.

Definition of terms

All of the grade boundaries for our BTEC externally assessed units are given in 'raw' marks. A raw mark is the actual mark awarded by our examiners for an assessment. Raw mark scores can be downloaded by Exams Officers from Edexcel Online.

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a grade can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a Distinction is 29, then 29 is the minimum mark at which a Distinction can be achieved. A mark of 28 would therefore be a Merit.

In order to calculate the overall qualification grade, unit results are combined by converting unit grades into points scores.

You can find out more about raw marks and points scores at:

qualifications.pearson.com/understandingmarksandgrades

Converting marks to points

Unit results for BTEC Level3 National qualifications are reported on a 5 point grade scale: Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P), Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U). Raw marks from the external units are converted into points based on performance in the assessment. The points scores available for each external unit at grade boundaries are as follows:

	Unit Size	
	90 GLH	120 GLH
Unclassified	0	0
Near Pass	6	8
Pass	9	12
Merit	15	20
Distinction	24	32

Points are awarded on a sliding scale between the grade boundaries based on the number of raw marks achieved by each learner. For more information on calculating qualification results please see section 9 of your BTEC Nationals specification.

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31644H - Unit 1: Animal Breeding and Genetics	120	80	58	41	24	12	0
31645H - Unit 2: Animal Biology	120	80	56	40	24	12	0
31646H - Unit 3: Animal Welfare And Ethics	120	60	43	33	24	15	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Human Biology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
21325L - Unit 1: Principles of Applied Human Biology	90	80	49	34	20	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Law	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20168K - Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law	90	60	42	31	21	11	0
20170K - Unit 3: Applying the Law	120	72	52	35	19	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
21331L - Unit 1: Psychological Approaches and Application	90	72	49	38	28	18	0
21333L - Unit 3: Health Psychology	120	70	48	38	29	20	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31617H - Unit 1: Principles And Applications Of Science I	90	90	58	40	23	11	0
31619H - Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills	120	60	42	30	19	9	0
31627H - Unit 5: Principles And Applications Of Science II	120	120	74	51	29	14	0
31629H - Unit 7: Contemporary Issues in Science	120	50	35	25	16	8	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Art & Design	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31827H - Unit 1: Visual Recording And Communication	120	60	39	27	15	7	0
31828H - Unit 2: Critical And Contextual Studies In Art And Design	90	60	43	29	16	8	0
31832H - Unit 6: Managing A Client Brief	120	60	41	29	17	8	0
31833H - Unit 7: Developing And Realising Creative Intentions	120	60	39	28	17	8	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31489H - Unit 2: Developing A Marketing Campaign	90	70	55	41	27	13	0
31463H - Unit 3: Personal And Business Finance	120	100	54	38	22	11	0
31588H - Unit 6: Principles of Management	120	88	70	50	31	15	0
31589H - Unit 7: Business Decision Making	120	70	55	39	24	12	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31768H - Unit 1: Principles Of Computer Science	120	90	51	36	22	11	0
31769H - Unit 2: Fundamentals Of Computer Systems	90	80	51	37	23	11	0
31770H - Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects	120	66	51	37	23	11	0
31771H - Unit 4: Software Design and Development Project	120	68	48	34	21	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Construction	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20075K - Unit 1: Construction Principles	120	75	50	34	19	9	0
20076K - Unit 2: Construction Design	120	63	44	34	25	16	0
20077K - Unit 3: Tendering and Estimating	120	63	50	37	25	13	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31597H - Unit 1: Children's Development	120	90	61	47	34	21	0
31598H - Unit 2: Development Of Children's Communication, Literacy And Numeracy Skills	120	68	50	36	22	11	0
31599H - Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Early years Practice	120	65	45	33	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31668H - Unit 1: Media Representations	90	80	50	35	21	10	0
31670H - Unit 3: Digital Media Skills	120	60	49	37	25	13	0
31672H - Unit 5: Specialist Subject Investigation	120	65	50	35	21	10	0
31674H - Unit 8: Responding To A Commission	120	72	48	36	24	12	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31706H - Unit 1: Engineering Principles	120	80	64	42	21	10	0
31708H - Unit 3: Engineering Product Design And Manufacture	120	60	40	28	16	8	0
31725H - Unit 6: Microcontroller Systems for Engineers	120	80	53	37	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Enterprise	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31489H - Unit 2: Developing A Marketing Campaign	90	70	55	41	27	13	0
31463H - Unit 3: Personal And Business Finance	120	100	54	38	22	11	0
31589H - Unit 6: Business Decision Making	120	70	55	39	24	12	0
31588H - Unit 12: Principles of Management	120	88	70	50	31	15	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Equine Management	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20108K - Unit 1: Equine Structure, Form and Function	120	80	52	35	19	9	0
20109K - Unit 2: Equine Diet and Nutrition	120	60	43	32	22	12	0
20110K - Unit 3: Managing Equine Disease	120	66	44	34	24	14	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20149K - Unit 5: Applications of Criminology	120	60	37	27	17	8	0
20151K - Unit 7: Applications of Criminal and Forensic Psychology	120	60	37	27	17	8	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31490H - Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development	90	90	61	48	36	24	0
31491H - Unit 2: Working In Health And Social Care	120	80	47	35	23	11	0
31493H - Unit 3: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care	120	90	49	34	19	9	0
31494H - Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care	120	65	45	31	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in IT	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20158K - Unit 11: Cyber Security and Incident Management	120	80	57	40	24	12	0
20161K - Unit 14: IT Service Delivery	120	68	46	34	23	12	0
31760H - Unit 1: Information Technology Systems	120	90	42	29	16	8	0
31761H - Unit 2: Creating Systems To Manage Information	90	66	44	32	20	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Performance	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
20175K - Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance	120	80	62	47	32	17	0
20177K - Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry	90	70	55	38	21	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31809H - Unit 7: Music Technology Enterprise Opportunities	120	65	52	40	28	16	0
31810H - Unit 6: Daw Production	120	60	52	40	28	16	0
31811H - Unit 5: Music Technology In Context	120	65	48	33	19	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Performing Arts	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31555H - Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work	90	60	41	29	18	9	0
31557H - Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop	120	60	46	35	24	13	0
31559H - Unit 5: Individual Performance Commission	120	60	44	33	23	13	0
31561H - Unit 7: Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts	120	60	42	30	19	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
21405J - Unit 22: Investigating Business in Sport and Active Leisure Industry	90	64	42	31	20	10	0
31524H - Unit 1: Anatomy And Physiology	120	80	56	39	22	11	0
31525H - Unit 2: Fitness Training And Programming For Health, Sport And Well-Being	120	60	48	35	22	11	0
31542H - Unit 19: Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity	120	60	46	33	20	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport and Exercise Science	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
31813H - Unit 1: Sport And Exercise Physiology	120	70	45	32	20	10	0
31814H - Unit 2: Functional Anatomy	90	60	47	37	27	17	0
31815H - Unit 3: Applied Sport And Exercise Psychology	120	60	48	35	23	11	0
31824H - Unit 13: Nutrition For Sport And Exercise Performance	120	50	41	32	24	16	0