

Grade Boundaries

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**External Assessments for BTEC
Level 3 Nationals**

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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 4 point grade scale: Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P) 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
U	0	0
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.

Animal Management

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management							
31645H	Unit 2: Animal Biology	120	80	50	34	19	0
31646H	Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics	120	60	41	32	24	0

Applied Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science							
31617H	Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science (I)	90	90	56	37	19	0
31619H	Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills	120	60	39	28	17	0
31627H	Unit 5: Principles and Applications of Science (II)	120	120	74	52	30	0

Art and Design

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Art and Design							
31828H	Unit 2: Critical and Contextual Studies in Art and Design	90	60	43	30	18	0

Business and Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business / Enterprise							
31463H	Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance	120	100	60	43	27	0
31489H	Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign	90	70	54	39	24	0
31588H	Unit 6/12: Principles of Management	120	88	65	46	27	0
31589H	Unit 7/6: Business Decision Making	120	70	55	39	24	0

Computing

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing							
31768H	Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science	120	90	51	36	21	0
31769H	Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems	90	80	50	37	24	0
31770H	Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects	120	66	52	38	25	0

Children's Play, Learning and Development (2016)

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD							
31597H	Unit 1: Children's Development	120	90	60	47	34	0
31598H	Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills	120	68	53	40	27	0

Creative Digital Media Production

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production							
31668H	Unit 1: Media Representations	90	80	50	36	22	0
31674H	Unit 8: Responding to a Commission	120	75	53	39	25	0

Engineering

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering							
31706H	Unit 1: Engineering Principles	120	80	64	42	21	0
31708H	Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	120	60	41	30	19	0

Health and Social Care

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care							
31490H	Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development	90	90	58	44	30	0
31491H	Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care	120	80	49	37	25	0
31493H	Unit 3: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care	120	90	50	34	18	0

Information Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Information Technology							
31760H	Unit 1: Information Technology Systems	120	90	43	32	21	0
31761H	Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information	90	66	38	27	17	0

Music Technology

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology							
31811H	Unit 5: Music Technology in Context	120	65	48	34	21	0

Performing Arts

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Performing Arts							
31555H	Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work	90	60	44	32	20	0

Sport

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport							
31524H	Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology	120	80	47	33	19	0
31525H	Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	120	60	45	32	19	0
31542H	Unit 19: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology	120	60	44	32	20	0
21405J	Unit 22: Investigating Business in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry	90	64	47	33	19	0

Sport and Exercise Science

		GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	U
BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport and Exercise Science							
31813H	Unit 1: Sport and Exercise Physiology	120	70	46	35	25	0
31814H	Unit 2: Functional Anatomy	90	60	40	30	21	0
31815H	Unit 3: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology	120	60	47	34	21	0
31824H	Unit 13: Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance	120	50	39	31	24	0

