



Grade Boundaries

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External Assessments for BTEC Level 3 Nationals (AAQ)

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 [Results and certification - Understanding marks and grades](#).

Converting marks to points

Unit results for BTEC Level 3 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 score available for each external unit at grade boundaries are as follows:

	Unit Size		
	60 GLH	90 GLH	120 GLH
Unclassified	0	0	0
Near Pass	4	6	8
Pass	6	9	12
Merit	10	15	20
Distinction	16	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 6 of your BTEC Nationals specification.

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BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Biology (60316T)	60	50	37	26	16	8	0
Unit 2: Principles and Applications of Chemistry (60317T)	60	50	35	24	13	6	0
Unit 3: Principles and Applications of Physics (60318T)	60	50	35	27	19	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Early Childhood Development (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Children's Development (60322T)	90	80	57	46	36	26	0
Unit 2: Keeping children safe (60323T)	90	80	53	40	28	16	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Programming Fundamentals (60305T)	120	90	56	40	24	12	0
Unit 2: Computer Network Security and Encryption (60306T)	120	90	56	41	27	13	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Construction and the Built Environment (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Construction Principles (60291T)	120	90	58	42	26	13	0
Unit 2: Construction Technology (60292T)	60	70	47	34	21	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Engineering Principles (60301T)	120	90	71	45	20	10	0
Unit 2: Engineering Applications (60302T)	60	70	47	34	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Human Lifespan and Development (60309T)	90	80	59	45	32	19	0
Unit 2: Human Biology and Health (60310T)	90	80	51	35	20	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Information Technology (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Information Technology (60297T)	120	90	39	27	16	8	0
Unit 2: Cyber Security and Incident Management (60298T)	120	90	54	39	24	12	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Medical Science (AAQ)	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Human Physiology, Anatomy and Pathology (60285T)	90	80	51	37	23	11	0
Unit 2: Health Issues and Scientific Reporting (60286T)	120	80	54	38	22	11	0

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Notional Component Grade Boundaries

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Understanding our linear component raw marks and subject marks

Components of International GCSE and reformed GCSE, AS and A level qualifications are all sat at the end of the course. Components are individual assessments, such as examinations or non-exam assessments (NEA), which each make up a linear qualification. These qualifications are all linear rather than modular, which means that there is no longer a need for the UMS marks you will have been familiar with in the past.

The component structure of qualifications

In linear qualifications, each component has a total raw mark. The components contribute a certain percentage to the qualification mark overall, but the contribution of the components may not be equal. This is because one component may represent a larger part of the qualification than the others (see example 2, below). When the contribution of components to the qualification is not equal, the component raw marks, when simply added together, may not reflect the percentage contribution of the components to the qualification. In such cases the raw mark for the assessment is scaled up or down by a weighting factor. The raw mark is multiplied by the weighting factor so that it reflects the contribution of the component mark to the qualification.

The scaled marks, known as subject marks, are then added together to form the overall subject mark. Two examples are given below.

Example 1: no scaling is needed as the total raw mark for each component reflects the percentage contribution of each to the qualification.

The total raw marks of all components in a linear qualification will add up to the total subject mark **if** they all contribute to the qualification equally.

Component Title	Raw Marks	Contribution to the Qualification	Weighting Factor	Total Scaled Mark
Paper 1	50	25%	1.000	50
Paper 2	50	25%	1.000	50
Paper 3	50	25%	1.000	50
Paper 4	50	25%	1.000	50
Subject Max Mark	200	100%		200

Example 2: scaling is needed as the raw mark for one or more components does not reflect the percentage contribution.

Component Title	Raw Marks	Contribution to the Qualification	Weighting Factor	Total Scaled Mark
Paper 1	60	35%	1.458	87.5
Paper 2	45	20%	1.111	50
Paper 3	45	25%	1.389	62.5
Paper 4	50	20%	1.000	50
Subject Max Mark		100%		250

How candidates' grades are determined

Table 1: candidates sitting the qualification in Example 1

Component Title	Marks for Candidate A	Marks for Candidate B
Paper 1	10	40
Paper 2	25	15
Paper 3	30	20
Paper 4	20	10
Subject Mark	85	85

Since the marks for each component in the qualification represent the correct percentage contribution, the component marks are simply added to give the overall subject mark. In this example, both candidates A and B have achieved 85 marks for the overall subject. Since they both have the same subject mark, candidates A and B will receive the same grade even though their component performances are very different.

Suppose the subject grade boundaries were 81 marks for a grade C and 93 marks for a grade B. Since a subject mark of 85 lies within this mark range, both candidates A and B will receive a grade C for the qualification.

Table 2: candidates sitting the qualification in Example 2

Component Title	Raw mark for Candidate C	Weighting Factor	Scaled Mark
Paper 1	12	1.458	17.496
Paper 2	24	1.111	26.664
Paper 3	31	1.389	43.059
Paper 4	20	1.000	20.000
		Total	107.219
		Subject Mark	107

Table 2 shows the performance of candidate C in the Example 2 qualification. The second column, 'Raw mark', shows the marks achieved on each of the four papers. Since the marks for the components must be scaled to represent the percentage contribution of each paper to the overall subject, the component marks must be scaled, using the weighting factor shown in column 3, to give the scaled mark shown in column 4 of the table. The scaled marks are totalled to give 107.291 which is, as a final step, rounded to the nearest whole number to give the subject mark of 107.

Suppose the subject grade boundaries were 101 marks for a grade D and 115 marks for a grade C. Since a subject mark of 107 lies within this mark range, candidate C will receive a grade D for the qualification.

The use of notional component grade boundaries

The above examples, showing the grades achieved by candidates A, B and C, illustrate that notional grade performance at component level plays no part in the determination of a qualification grade. In fact, Table 1 shows that both candidates achieve the same subject mark even though their component performances are quite different. Given this, why are notional component grade boundaries published?

When the subject grade boundaries are recommended by the senior examiners, it helps them to consider the component performance for a candidate who will achieve, say, a borderline grade A by producing a borderline grade A performance on each component

For teachers, the notional component grade boundaries can be useful as an indicator of grade performance when, for example, an examination paper is used as a future mock examination.

Linear qualifications and deciding whether to submit a post-results service (PRS) request

Component-level grade boundaries in these linear qualifications are notional only, and do not equate to a certificated grade. When considering whether to submit a post-results service request, it is important to understand that notional grade boundaries – or how close a candidate may be to one – are not relevant.

A change in a notional component-level boundary may not equate to a subject grade change. For example, if a learner achieves Bs in each of the two components for a reformed AS level the component grade would be a B. If, after a review of marking, a component mark changes, and the notional grade increases from a B to an A, the overall AS subject grade may still remain a B when the component scores are combined*.

*if, when combined with the other component scores, the revised total equates to an A grade, the subject grade would be changed accordingly.

Arabic										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9AA0	A Level Arabic Paper 01	Raw	80	58	51	43	35	28	21	0
9AA0	A Level Arabic Paper 02	Raw	110	80	70	60	50	40	30	0
9AA0	A Level Arabic Paper 03	Raw	60	52	46	40	35	30	25	0

Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9AD0	A Level Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design) Paper 01	Raw	90	72	65	52	39	27	15	0
9AD0	A Level Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design) Paper 02	Raw	72	55	51	41	31	21	12	0

Art and Design (Fine Art)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9FA0	A Level Art and Design (Fine Art) Paper 01	Raw	90	72	65	52	39	27	15	0
9FA0	A Level Art and Design (Fine Art) Paper 02	Raw	72	55	51	41	31	21	12	0

Art and Design (Graphic Communication)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GC0	A Level Art and Design (Graphic Communication) Paper 01	Raw	90	72	65	52	39	27	15	0
9GC0	A Level Art and Design (Graphic Communication) Paper 02	Raw	72	55	51	41	31	21	12	0

Art and Design (Photography)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PY0	A Level Art and Design (Photography) Paper 01	Raw	90	73	66	53	40	28	16	0
9PY0	A Level Art and Design (Photography) Paper 02	Raw	72	57	53	43	33	24	15	0

Art and Design (3D Design)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9TD0	A Level Art and Design (3D Design) Paper 01	Raw	90	72	65	52	39	27	15	0
9TD0	A Level Art and Design (3D Design) Paper 02	Raw	72	55	51	41	31	21	12	0

Art and Design (Textile Design)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9TE0	A Level Art and Design (Textile Design) Paper 01	Raw	90	72	65	52	39	27	15	0
9TE0	A Level Art and Design (Textile Design) Paper 02	Raw	72	55	51	41	31	21	12	0

Biology A (Salters Nuffield)										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8BNO	AS Biology A (Salters Nuffield) Paper 01	Raw	80		62	55	48	41	35	0
8BNO	AS Biology A (Salters Nuffield) Paper 02	Raw	80		55	48	41	34	27	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9BNO	A Level Biology A (Salters Nuffield) Paper 01	Raw	100	77	69	59	49	39	29	0
9BNO	A Level Biology A (Salters Nuffield) Paper 02	Raw	100	70	62	55	48	41	34	0
9BNO	A Level Biology A (Salters Nuffield) Paper 03	Raw	100	73	65	56	47	39	31	0
Biology B										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8BIO	AS Biology B Paper 01	Raw	80		43	38	33	28	23	0
8BIO	AS Biology B Paper 02	Raw	80		46	40	35	30	25	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9BIO	A Level Biology B Paper 01	Raw	90	60	52	44	36	28	21	0
9BIO	A Level Biology B Paper 02	Raw	90	75	65	55	45	35	26	0
9BIO	A Level Biology B Paper 03	Raw	120	83	72	60	48	37	26	0
Business										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8BSO	AS Business Paper 01	Raw	80		52	46	41	36	31	0
8BSO	AS Business Paper 02	Raw	80		54	48	42	37	32	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9BSO	A Level Business Paper 01	Raw	100	77	71	62	53	44	35	0
9BSO	A Level Business Paper 02	Raw	100	72	67	58	49	40	32	0
9BSO	A Level Business Paper 03	Raw	100	76	71	61	52	43	34	0

Chemistry										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8CHO	AS Chemistry Paper 01	Raw	80		62	53	45	37	29	0
8CHO	AS Chemistry Paper 02	Raw	80		59	51	43	35	27	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9CHO	A Level Chemistry Paper 01	Raw	90	75	65	53	41	30	19	0
9CHO	A Level Chemistry Paper 02	Raw	90	71	63	52	41	31	21	0
9CHO	A Level Chemistry Paper 03	Raw	120	100	84	70	56	42	28	0
Chinese										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9CNO	A Level Chinese Paper 01	Raw	80	64	58	49	40	32	24	0
9CNO	A Level Chinese Paper 02	Raw	120	103	94	80	67	54	41	0
9CNO	A Level Chinese Paper 03	Raw	72	59	54	46	38	30	22	0
Design and Technology										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9DT0	A Level Design and Technology Paper 01	Raw	120	88	80	68	56	45	34	0
9DT0	A Level Design and Technology Paper 02	Raw	120	100	90	77	64	51	39	0
9DT0	A Level Design and Technology Paper 02T	Raw	120	100	90	77	64	51	39	0
Drama and Theatre										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper 01	Raw	80	70	64	55	47	39	31	0
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper 01T	Raw	80	70	64	55	47	39	31	0
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper 02	Raw	60	54	48	41	34	28	22	0
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper 02T	Raw	60	54	48	41	34	28	22	0
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper 03	Raw	80	70	65	54	43	32	21	0

Economics A										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ECO	AS Economics A Paper 01	Raw	80		57	51	46	41	36	0
8ECO	AS Economics A Paper 02	Raw	80		51	46	41	36	31	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ECO	A Level Economics A Paper 01	Raw	100	85	78	67	57	47	37	0
9ECO	A Level Economics A Paper 02	Raw	100	87	80	69	59	49	39	0
9ECO	A Level Economics A Paper 03	Raw	100	86	79	68	57	47	37	0
Economics B										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9EB0	A Level Economics B Paper 01	Raw	100	65	57	49	41	33	25	0
9EB0	A Level Economics B Paper 02	Raw	100	69	60	52	44	37	30	0
9EB0	A Level Economics B Paper 03	Raw	100	67	59	52	45	38	32	0
English Language										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ENO	AS English Language Paper 01	Raw	50		30	25	21	17	13	0
8ENO	AS English Language Paper 02	Raw	50		28	23	18	14	10	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ENO	A Level English Language Paper 01	Raw	60	37	33	28	23	19	15	0
9ENO	A Level English Language Paper 02	Raw	45	28	24	19	15	11	7	0
9ENO	A Level English Language Paper 03	Raw	45	34	30	25	20	15	11	0
9ENO	A Level English Language Paper 04	Raw	50	50	44	38	32	27	22	0
9ENO	A Level English Language Paper 04T	Raw	50	50	44	38	32	27	22	0

English Language & Literature										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ELO	AS English Language & Literature Paper 01	Raw	50		30	25	20	15	11	0
8ELO	AS English Language & Literature Paper 02	Raw	50		31	26	21	16	11	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper 01	Raw	50	37	33	28	23	18	13	0
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper 02	Raw	50	36	33	28	23	18	13	0
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper 03	Raw	60	56	50	44	38	32	26	0
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper 03T	Raw	60	56	50	44	38	32	26	0
English Literature										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ETO	AS English Literature Paper 01	Raw	72		46	39	32	25	18	0
8ETO	AS English Literature Paper 02	Raw	44		29	25	22	19	16	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ETO	A Level English Literature Paper 01	Raw	60	42	39	33	27	22	17	0
9ETO	A Level English Literature Paper 02	Raw	40	34	31	26	21	17	13	0
9ETO	A Level English Literature Paper 03	Raw	60	39	35	30	25	21	17	0
9ETO	A Level English Literature Paper 04	Raw	60	58	52	45	39	33	27	0
9ETO	A Level English Literature Paper 04T	Raw	60	58	52	45	39	33	27	0
French										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9FRO	A Level French Paper 01	Raw	80	71	62	52	42	32	23	0
9FRO	A Level French Paper 02	Raw	120	104	89	75	61	47	33	0
9FRO	A Level French Paper 03	Raw	72	61	53	44	35	26	18	0

Further Mathematics												
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U	
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 01	Raw	80		60	51	42	34	26	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 21	Raw	40		24	21	18	15	12	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 22	Raw	40		27	24	21	18	16	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 23	Raw	40		30	27	24	22	20	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 24	Raw	40		28	25	22	19	16	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 25	Raw	40		29	26	23	21	19	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 26	Raw	40		29	26	23	20	18	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 27	Raw	40		27	24	22	20	18	0		
8FM0	AS Further Mathematics Paper 28	Raw	40		25	22	19	16	13	0		
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 01	Raw	75	67	60	51	42	33	25	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 02	Raw	75	69	62	53	44	35	26	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3A	Raw	75	69	63	53	43	33	23	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3B	Raw	75	70	66	56	46	37	28	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3C	Raw	75	68	62	52	43	34	25	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3D	Raw	75	59	52	43	34	26	18	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 4A	Raw	75	58	52	43	34	25	17	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 4B	Raw	75	65	57	49	41	33	26	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 4C	Raw	75	60	52	43	35	27	19	0		
9FM0	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 4D	Raw	75	67	62	51	40	30	20	0		

Geography												
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U	
8GEO	AS Geography	Raw	90		60	54	48	43	38	0		
	Paper 01											
8GEO	AS Geography	Raw	90		60	54	48	42	36	0		
	Paper 02											
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GEO	A Level Geography	Raw	105	76	69	60	51	43	35	0		
	Paper 01											
9GEO	A Level Geography	Raw	105	73	66	57	49	41	33	0		
	Paper 02											
9GEO	A Level Geography	Raw	70	58	52	46	41	36	31	0		
	Paper 03											
9GEO	A Level Geography	Raw	70	61	55	48	41	34	27	0		
	Paper 04											
9GEO	A Level Geography	Raw	70	61	55	48	41	34	27	0		
	Paper 04T											
German												
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GN0	A Level German	Raw	80	71	62	50	39	28	17	0		
	Paper 01											
9GN0	A Level German	Raw	120	98	86	70	54	38	23	0		
	Paper 02											
9GN0	A Level German	Raw	72	60	54	45	36	28	20	0		
	Paper 03											
Greek												
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GK0	A Level Greek	Raw	80	72	63	55	47	39	32	0		
	Paper 01											
9GK0	A Level Greek	Raw	110	96	83	70	58	46	34	0		
	Paper 02											
9GK0	A Level Greek	Raw	60	51	45	38	31	24	18	0		
	Paper 03											
Gujarati												
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GU0	A Level Gujarati	Raw	80	55	48	41	34	27	20	0		
	Paper 01											
9GU0	A Level Gujarati	Raw	110	78	68	58	48	38	29	0		
	Paper 02											
9GU0	A Level Gujarati	Raw	60	42	37	32	27	22	17	0		
	Paper 03											

History												
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U	
8HIO	AS History Paper 1A	Raw	60		52	46	40	34	29	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1B	Raw	60		53	46	40	34	28	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1C	Raw	60		52	46	40	34	29	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1D	Raw	60		52	46	40	34	28	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1E	Raw	60		53	46	40	34	28	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1F	Raw	60		53	46	40	34	28	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1G	Raw	60		53	46	40	34	28	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 1H	Raw	60		52	46	40	34	29	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2A	Raw	40		31	28	25	22	20	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2B	Raw	40		31	28	25	22	19	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2C	Raw	40		33	29	26	23	20	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2D	Raw	40		31	28	25	22	20	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2E	Raw	40		33	29	26	23	20	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2F	Raw	40		33	29	25	22	19	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2G	Raw	40		33	29	26	23	20	0		
8HIO	AS History Paper 2H	Raw	40		33	30	27	24	21	0		
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1A	Raw	60	51	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1B	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1C	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1D	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1E	Raw	60	51	47	40	33	26	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1F	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1G	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		
9HIO	A Level History Paper 1H	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0		

History (Continued)										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2A	Raw	40	35	33	28	23	18	14	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2B	Raw	40	34	32	27	22	18	14	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2C	Raw	40	34	32	27	22	18	14	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2D	Raw	40	35	33	28	23	19	15	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2E	Raw	40	37	33	28	23	19	15	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2F	Raw	40	35	32	27	23	19	15	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2G	Raw	40	34	32	27	22	18	14	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 2H	Raw	40	34	32	27	22	18	14	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 30	Raw	60	50	47	40	33	26	19	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 31	Raw	60	50	47	40	33	26	20	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 32	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	19	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 33	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	26	20	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 34	Raw	60	50	47	40	33	26	19	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 35	Raw	60	50	47	40	33	26	20	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 36	Raw	60	50	47	40	33	26	19	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 37	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	26	20	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 38	Raw	60	50	46	39	32	25	18	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 39	Raw	60	51	47	40	33	26	19	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 04	Raw	40	38	34	30	26	22	18	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper 04T	Raw	40	38	34	30	26	22	18	0

History of Art										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9HT0	A Level History of Art Paper 01	Raw	110	83	69	56	43	30	17	0
9HT0	A Level History of Art Paper 02	Raw	110	80	67	53	40	27	14	0

Italian										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9INO	A Level Italian Paper 01	Raw	80	69	59	50	41	32	24	0
9INO	A Level Italian Paper 02	Raw	120	99	87	73	59	45	32	0
9INO	A Level Italian Paper 03	Raw	72	59	51	43	35	27	19	0

Japanese										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9JAO	A Level Japanese Paper 01	Raw	80	58	50	41	33	25	17	0
9JAO	A Level Japanese Paper 02	Raw	110	91	80	67	54	42	30	0
9JAO	A Level Japanese Paper 03	Raw	60	53	46	40	34	28	23	0

Mathematics										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8MA0	AS Mathematics Paper 01	Raw	100		66	58	50	42	34	0
8MA0	AS Mathematics Paper 02	Raw	60		47	41	35	29	24	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9MA0	A Level Mathematics Paper 01	Raw	100	81	67	55	43	31	19	0
9MA0	A Level Mathematics Paper 02	Raw	100	87	75	62	49	37	25	0
9MA0	A Level Mathematics Paper 03	Raw	100	86	68	56	44	32	20	0

Music										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9MU0	A Level Music Paper 01	Raw	60	55	50	42	35	28	21	0
9MU0	A Level Music Paper 01T	Raw	60	55	50	42	35	28	21	0
9MU0	A Level Music Paper 02	Raw	60	51	46	39	33	27	21	0
9MU0	A Level Music Paper 02T	Raw	60	51	46	39	33	27	21	0
9MU0	A Level Music Paper 03	Raw	100	76	68	61	54	47	40	0

Music Technology										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8MT0	AS Music Technology Paper 01	Raw	60		49	44	39	35	31	0
8MT0	AS Music Technology Paper 02	Raw	60		44	37	30	24	18	0
8MT0	AS Music Technology Paper 03	Raw	60		34	29	25	21	17	0
8MT0	AS Music Technology Paper 04	Raw	84		50	43	37	31	25	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 01	Raw	60	55	50	44	38	32	27	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 01T	Raw	60	55	50	44	38	32	27	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 02	Raw	60	50	45	39	33	27	21	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 02T	Raw	60	50	45	39	33	27	21	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 03	Raw	75	59	51	43	36	29	22	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper 04	Raw	105	83	74	65	56	47	38	0
Persian										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PNO	A Level Persian Paper 01	Raw	80	72	62	52	42	33	24	0
9PNO	A Level Persian Paper 02	Raw	110	94	82	69	57	45	33	0
9PNO	A Level Persian Paper 03	Raw	60	53	46	39	32	25	18	0
Physical Education										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 01	Raw	140	87	79	66	53	41	29	0
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 02	Raw	100	68	59	51	43	35	27	0
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 03	Raw	40	38	34	31	28	25	22	0
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 03T	Raw	40	38	34	31	28	25	22	0
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 04	Raw	40	38	34	29	24	20	16	0
9PE0	A Level Physical Education Paper 04T	Raw	40	38	34	29	24	20	16	0

Physics											
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8PH0	AS Physics	Raw	80		51	43	35	27	20	0	
	Paper 01										
8PH0	AS Physics	Raw	80		52	44	37	30	23	0	
	Paper 02										
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PH0	A Level Physics	Raw	90	68	60	51	42	33	25	0	
	Paper 01										
9PH0	A Level Physics	Raw	90	69	62	53	44	35	26	0	
	Paper 02										
9PH0	A Level Physics	Raw	120	102	93	78	63	48	34	0	
	Paper 03										

Politics											
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8PLO	AS Politics	Raw	60		44	40	36	32	29	0	
	Paper 01										
8PLO	AS Politics	Raw	60		44	40	36	32	28	0	
	Paper 02										
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PLO	A Level Politics	Raw	84	56	51	43	36	29	22	0	
	Paper 01										
9PLO	A Level Politics	Raw	84	61	54	46	38	30	22	0	
	Paper 02										
9PLO	A Level Politics	Raw	84	60	53	45	37	29	21	0	
	Paper 3A										
9PLO	A Level Politics	Raw	84	62	55	46	37	28	20	0	
	Paper 3B										

Portuguese										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PG0	A Level Portuguese	Raw	80	68	61	52	43	34	26	0
	Paper 01									
9PG0	A Level Portuguese	Raw	110	97	82	71	60	50	40	0
	Paper 02									
9PG0	A Level Portuguese	Raw	60	55	49	42	36	30	24	0
	Paper 03									

Psychology											
AS notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8PS0	AS Psychology	Raw	70		41	36	31	26	22	0	
	Paper 01										
8PS0	AS Psychology	Raw	70		41	36	31	27	23	0	
	Paper 02										
A level notional component grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PS0	A Level Psychology	Raw	90	50	43	35	28	21	14	0	
	Paper 01										
9PS0	A Level Psychology	Raw	90	55	48	40	32	24	17	0	
	Paper 02										
9PS0	A Level Psychology	Raw	80	51	44	36	28	21	14	0	
	Paper 03										

Religious Studies										
AS notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 01	Raw	54		39	34	29	24	19	0
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 02	Raw	54		39	34	29	24	19	0
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 03	Raw	54		42	36	30	24	19	0
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 4A	Raw	54		41	35	29	23	17	0
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 4B	Raw	54		39	33	27	22	17	0
8RS0	AS Religious Studies Paper 4C	Raw	54		41	35	29	23	17	0
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 01	Raw	80	72	64	54	44	34	25	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 02	Raw	80	71	63	53	43	34	25	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 03	Raw	80	69	61	51	42	33	24	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4A	Raw	80	70	65	54	44	34	24	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4B	Raw	80	70	66	55	45	35	25	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4C	Raw	80	69	64	53	42	32	22	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4D	Raw	80	71	67	55	44	33	22	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4E	Raw	80	70	66	55	44	33	22	0
9RS0	A Level Religious Studies Paper 4F	Raw	80	70	66	55	44	33	22	0
Russian										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9RU0	A Level Russian Paper 01	Raw	80	61	54	47	40	33	27	0
9RU0	A Level Russian Paper 02	Raw	120	87	74	61	48	36	24	0
9RU0	A Level Russian Paper 03	Raw	72	54	47	39	31	24	17	0

Spanish										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9SP0	A Level Spanish Paper 01	Raw	80	68	61	51	41	32	23	0
9SP0	A Level Spanish Paper 02	Raw	120	99	87	73	59	45	32	0
9SP0	A Level Spanish Paper 03	Raw	72	60	53	45	37	29	21	0

Statistics										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ST0	A Level Statistics Paper 01	Raw	80	71	63	53	43	34	25	0
9ST0	A Level Statistics Paper 02	Raw	80	69	61	51	41	32	23	0
9ST0	A Level Statistics Paper 03	Raw	80	66	59	49	40	31	22	0

Turkish										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9TU0	A Level Turkish Paper 01	Raw	80	76	69	57	46	35	24	0
9TU0	A Level Turkish Paper 02	Raw	110	95	88	73	59	45	31	0
9TU0	A Level Turkish Paper 03	Raw	60	56	51	42	34	26	18	0

Urdu										
A level notional component grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9URO	A Level Urdu Paper 01	Raw	80	69	61	50	39	28	18	0
9URO	A Level Urdu Paper 02	Raw	110	100	88	71	54	38	22	0
9URO	A Level Urdu Paper 03	Raw	60	55	49	41	33	25	17	0

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 [Results and certification - Understanding marks and grades](#).

Converting marks to points

Unit results for BTEC Level 3 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 score 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.

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BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Aerospace and Aviation Engineering	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Engineering Principles (31706X)	120	80	63	40	18		0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Agriculture	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Professional Working Responsibilities (20065K)	120	60	39	28	17	8	0
Unit 2: Plant and Soil Science (20066K)	120	80	51	35	20	10	0
Unit 3 Contemporary Issues in the Land-based Sectors (21321L)	120	64	47	32	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Animal Management	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Animal Breeding and Genetics (31644H)	120	80	54	37	21	10	0
Unit 2: Animal Biology (31645H)	120	80	49	33	18	9	0
Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics (31646H)	120	60	37	28	19	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Human Biology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Principles of Applied Human Biology (21325L)	90	80	52	37	22	11	0
Unit 3: Human Biology and Health Issues (21327L)	120	60	40	30	20	10	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Law	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law (20168K)	90	60	42	30	19	9	0
Applying the Law (20170K)	120	72	55	41	28	15	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Psychological Approaches and Applications (21331L)	90	72	44	34	24	14	0
Unit 3: Health Psychology (21333L)	120	70	41	32	23	14	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Biology (31617HB)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Chemistry (31617HC)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Physics (31617HP)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills (31619H)	120	60	39	27	15	7	0
Unit 5: Principles and Applications of Science II – Biology (31627HB)	120	120	67	47	28	14	0
Unit 5: Principles and Applications of Science II – Chemistry (31627HC)	120	120	67	47	28	14	0
Unit 5: Principles and Applications of Science II – Physics (31627HP)	120	120	67	47	28	14	0
Unit 7: Contemporary Issues in Science (31629H)	120	50	36	27	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Art and Design	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Visual Recording and Communication (31827H)	120	60	41	28	15	7	0
Unit 2: Critical and Contextual Studies in Art and Design (31828H)	90	60	42	30	19	9	0
Unit 6: Managing a Client Brief (31832H)	120	60	38	26	14	7	0
Unit 7: Developing and Realising Creative Intentions (31832H)	120	60	41	27	14	7	0

EC Level 3 Nationals in Business	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance (31463H)	120	80	46	34	22	11	0
Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (31489H)	90	70	55	45	35	25	0
Unit 6: Principles of Management (31588H)	120	88	64	49	34	19	0
Unit 7: Business Decision Making (31589H)	120	70	50	37	25	13	0
Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (W) (51101N)	90	70	55	45	35	25	0
Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance (W) (51102N)	120	80	46	34	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science (31768H)	120	90	48	32	17	8	0
Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems (31769H)	90	80	47	32	18	9	0
Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects (31770H)	120	66	41	30	20	10	0
Unit 4: Software Design and Development Project (31771H)	120	68	55	41	27	13	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Construction and the Built Environment	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Construction Principles (20075K)	120	75	51	36	22	11	0
Unit 2: Construction Design (20076K)	120	63	45	38	31	24	0
Unit 3: Tendering and Estimating (20077K)	120	63	52	42	32	22	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Countryside	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Professional Working Responsibilities (20065K)	120	60	39	28	17	8	0
Unit 2: Plant and Soil Science (20066K)	120	80	51	35	20	10	0
Unit 3 Contemporary Issues in the Land-based Sectors (21321L)	120	64	47	32	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD - Non EYE	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Children's Development (31597H)	120	90	63	48	34	20	0
Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills (31598H)	120	68	50	40	30	20	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in CPLD - EYE	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Children's Development (31597X)	120	90	63	48	34		0
Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills (31598X)	120	68	50	40	30		0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Media Representations (31668H)	90	80	50	36	22	11	0
Unit 3: Digital Media Skills (31670H)	120	60	48	36	24	12	0
Unit 5: Specialist Subject Investigation (31672H)	120	65	44	32	20	10	0
Unit 8: Responding to a Commission (31674H)	120	72	48	36	24	12	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Engineering Principles (31706H)	120	80	63	40	18	9	0
Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture (31708H)	120	60	37	29	21	13	0
Unit 6: Microcontroller Systems for Engineers (31725H)	120	80	52	37	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance (31463H)	120	80	46	34	22	11	0
Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (31489H)	90	70	55	45	35	25	0
Unit 12: Principles of Management (31588H)	120	88	64	49	34	19	0
Unit 6: Business Decision Making (31589H)	120	70	50	37	25	13	0
Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (W) (51101N)	90	70	55	45	35	25	0
Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance (W) (51102N)	120	80	46	34	22	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Equine Management	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Equine Structure, Form and Function (20108K)	120	80	49	34	20	10	0
Unit 2: Equine Diet and Nutrition (20109K)	120	60	44	34	24	14	0
Unit 3: Managing Equine Disease (20110K)	120	66	42	32	23	14	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 5: Applications of Criminology (20149K)	120	60	36	26	16	8	0
Unit 7: Applications of Criminal and Forensic Psychology (20151K)	120	60	30	21	13	6	0
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Biology (31617HB)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Chemistry (31617HC)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science I – Physics (31617HP)	90	90	56	38	20	10	0
Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills (31619H)	120	60	39	27	15	7	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Health and Social Care	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (31490H)	90	90	54	42	30	18	0
Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care (31491H)	120	80	46	35	24	13	0
Unit 3: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (31493H)	120	90	47	32	17	8	0
Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care (31494H)	120	65	39	28	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Horticulture	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Professional Working Responsibilities (20065K)	120	60	39	28	17	8	0
Unit 2: Plant and Soil Science (20066K)	120	80	51	35	20	10	0
Unit 3: Contemporary Issues in the Land-based Sectors (21321L)	120	64	47	32	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in IT	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 11: Cyber Security and Incident Management (20158K)	120	80	59	43	28	14	0
Unit 14: IT Service Delivery (20161K)	120	68	42	31	20	10	0
Unit 1: Information Technology Systems (31760H)	120	90	39	27	15	7	0
Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information (31761H)	90	66	42	30	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Marketing	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 2: Marketing Principles (50234N)	120	70	51	41	32	23	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Performance	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance (20175K)	120	80	63	48	33	18	0
Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry (20177K)	90	70	54	38	23	11	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music Technology	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 7: Music Technology Enterprise Opportunities (31811H)	120	65	48	37	27	17	0
Unit 6: Music Technology Daw Production (31810H)	120	60	51	39	28	17	0
Unit 5: Music Technology in Context (31811H)	120	65	44	31	18	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Performing Arts	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work (31555H)	90	60	41	31	21	11	0
Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop (31557H)	120	60	44	32	20	10	0
Unit 5: Individual Performance Commission (31559H)	120	60	48	37	27	17	0
Unit 7: Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts (31561H)	120	60	42	30	19	9	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 22: Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry (21405J)	90	64	42	31	20	10	0
Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology (31524H)	120	80	63	47	31	15	0
Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-Being (31525H)	120	60	47	35	23	11	0
Unit 19: Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity (31542H)	120	60	53	40	28	16	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport and Exercise Science	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: Sport and Exercise Physiology (31813H)	120	70	50	37	24	12	0
Unit 2: Functional Anatomy (31814H)	90	60	48	36	24	12	0
Unit 3: Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology (31815H)	120	60	49	38	28	18	0
Unit 13: Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance (31824H)	120	50	43	35	28	21	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Travel and Tourism	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 1: The World of Travel and Tourism (20207K)	90	75	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 2: Global Destinations (20208K)	120	60	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 1: The World of Travel and Tourism (W) (51103N)	90	75	38	30	23	16	0
Unit 2: Global Destinations (W) (51104N)	120	60	38	30	23	16	0

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Uniformed Protective Services	GLH	Max Mark	D	M	P	N	U
Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services (40888M)	120	80	45	36	28	20	0
Unit 6: Government and the Protective Services (40892M)	90	70	41	33	25	17	0
Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services (W) (51105N)	120	80	45	36	28	20	0
Unit 6: Government and the Protective Services (W) (51106N)	90	70	41	33	25	17	0

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Grade Boundaries

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Understanding our Edexcel GCE AS and A level Grade Boundaries

This document shows the grade boundaries for our Edexcel GCE AS and A level qualifications. For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks is also shown.

For individual units, maximum marks and boundaries are shown for both the raw and uniform (UMS) mark scales. Maximum marks and grade boundaries for the overall qualification (the 'cash-in') are only shown in UMS marks.

AS units are graded A to E. A2 units are graded A* to E.

Where grade boundaries are greyed out for a particular unit, there are no grade boundaries available. This may be because:

- the unit was not available in this exam session
- no-one took the unit this exam session

Definition of terms

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a letter grade can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a B is 60 marks, then 60 is the minimum mark at which a B can be achieved. A mark of 59 would therefore be a C grade.

For modular qualifications, assessments can be taken in various exam sessions throughout the duration of the course.

For linear qualifications, all assessments must be taken in the same exam session.

A raw mark is the actual mark awarded by the teacher or examiner for an assessment. Raw mark scores can be downloaded by Exams Officers from Edexcel Online.

Raw marks are converted to UMS marks for all modular qualifications. This is because raw mark grade boundaries may change from exam session to exam session to take into account variations in the difficulty of assessments. A Certifying Statement of Provisional Results (results slip) will always show the UMS mark for modular qualifications.

You can find out more about marks at

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/results-certification/understanding-marks-and-grades.html>

Business

AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8BS0	AS Business	Subject	160		106	95	84	73	63	0
	Paper(s) 01 02									
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9BS0	A Level Business	Subject	335	251	233	203	173	143	113	0
	Paper(s) 01 02 03									

Chemistry

AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U	
8CH0	AS Chemistry	Subject	160	121	104	88	72	56	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02									
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9CH0	A Level Chemistry	Subject	300	246	212	176	140	104	68	0
	Paper(s) 01 02 03									

Chinese

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Design and Technology

A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9DTO	A Level Design and Technology Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	240	188	170	145	121	97	73	0
9DTO	A Level Design and Technology Paper(s) 01 02T	Subject	240	188	170	145	121	97	73	0

Drama and Theatre

A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	300	264	242	206	170	135	100	0
9DR0	A Level Drama and Theatre Paper(s) 01T 02T 03	Subject	300	264	242	206	170	135	100	0

Economics A

AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ECO	AS Economics A	Subject	160		108	97	87	77	67	0
Paper(s) 01 02										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ECO	A Level Economics A	Subject	335	288	265	230	195	160	126	0
Paper(s) 01 02 03										

Economics B

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English Language											
AS overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U	
8EN0	AS English Language	Subject	100	58	49	40	31	23	0		
	Paper(s) 01 02										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9EN0	A Level English Language	Subject	250	182	160	136	113	90	67	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04										
9EN0	A Level English Language	Subject	250	182	160	136	113	90	67	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04T										

English Language & Literature										
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U	
8ELO	AS English Language & Literature Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	100	61	51	41	31	22	0	
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	300	231	208	178	148	118	88	0
9ELO	A Level English Language & Literature Paper(s) 01 02 03T	Subject	300	231	208	178	148	118	88	0

English Literature										
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8ETO	AS English Literature	Subject	120		78	67	56	45	35	0
	Paper(s) 01 02									
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9ETO	A Level English Literature	Subject	300	231	210	182	154	126	98	0
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04									
9ETO	A Level English Literature	Subject	300	231	210	182	154	126	98	0
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04T									

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Further Mathematics											
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 21 22	Subject	160		111	96	82	68	54	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 21 23	Subject	160		114	100	86	72	58	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 21 25	Subject	160		113	99	85	71	57	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 21 27	Subject	160		111	97	83	69	56	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 23 25	Subject	160		119	105	91	78	65	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 23 27	Subject	160		117	103	90	77	64	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 23 24	Subject	160		118	104	90	76	62	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 25 27	Subject	160		116	102	89	76	63	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 25 26	Subject	160		118	104	90	76	63	0	
8FMO	AS Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 27 28	Subject	160		112	98	84	70	57	0	
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3A 4A	Subject	300	263	237	200	163	127	91	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3A 3B	Subject	300	275	251	213	176	139	102	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3A 3C	Subject	300	273	247	210	173	136	99	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3A 3D	Subject	300	264	237	200	164	128	92	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3B 3C	Subject	300	274	250	213	176	140	104	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3B 3D	Subject	300	265	240	204	168	132	97	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3B 4B	Subject	300	271	245	210	175	140	105	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3C 3D	Subject	300	263	236	200	164	129	94	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3C 4C	Subject	300	264	236	200	165	130	95	0	
9FMO	A Level Further Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 3D 4D	Subject	300	262	236	199	162	125	89	0	

Geography											
AS overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U	
8GEO	AS Geography	Subject	180		120	108	96	85	74	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9GEO	A Level Geography	Subject	350	268	242	213	184	155	126	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04										
9GEO	A Level Geography	Subject	350	268	242	213	184	155	126	0	
	Paper(s) 01 02 03 04T										

History (Continued)										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 33	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 35	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 37	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 38	Subject	200	172	158	135	113	91	69	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1B 2B 39	Subject	200	173	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 30	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 33	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 34	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 35	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 37	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1C 2C 39	Subject	200	173	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 31	Subject	200	173	160	138	116	94	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 32	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 33	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 37	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 38	Subject	200	173	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1D 2D 39	Subject	200	174	160	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1E 2E 30	Subject	200	176	161	138	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1E 2E 31	Subject	200	176	161	138	116	94	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1E 2E 34	Subject	200	176	161	138	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1E 2E 35	Subject	200	176	161	138	116	94	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1E 2E 36	Subject	200	176	161	138	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1F 2F 30	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0

History (Continued)										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1F 2F 31	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1F 2F 34	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1F 2F 35	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1F 2F 36	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1G 2G 30	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1G 2G 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1G 2G 34	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1G 2G 35	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1G 2G 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 30	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 32	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 33	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 34	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 35	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04 1H 2H 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1A 2A 30	Subject	200	174	160	137	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1C 2C 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1C 2C 33	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1C 2C 37	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1C 2C 39	Subject	200	173	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1E 2E 30	Subject	200	176	161	138	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1E 2E 31	Subject	200	176	161	138	116	94	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1E 2E 34	Subject	200	176	161	138	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1E 2E 35	Subject	200	176	161	138	116	94	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1F 2F 31	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0

History (Continued)										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1F 2F 34	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1F 2F 35	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	72	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1F 2F 36	Subject	200	173	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1G 2G 30	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1G 2G 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1G 2G 34	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1G 2G 35	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1G 2G 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1H 2H 31	Subject	200	172	159	137	115	93	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1H 2H 33	Subject	200	172	158	136	114	92	71	0
9HIO	A Level History Paper(s) 04T 1H 2H 36	Subject	200	172	159	136	114	92	70	0

History of Art										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9HTO	A Level History of Art Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	220	163	136	109	83	57	31	0

Italian										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9INO	A Level Italian Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	400	335	290	245	200	156	112	0

Japanese										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9JAO	A Level Japanese Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	370	297	258	219	180	142	104	0

Mathematics										
AS overall grade boundaries				Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E U
8MAO	AS Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	160		113	99	85	71	58	0
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9MAO	A Level Mathematics Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	300	254	210	173	136	100	64	0

Music										
A level overall grade boundaries				Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E U
9MUO	A Level Music Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	250	209	188	164	140	116	93	0
9MUO	A Level Music Paper(s) 01T 02T 03	Subject	250	209	188	164	140	116	93	0

Music Technology										
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8MT0	AS Music Technology Paper(s) 01 02 03 04	Subject	300		198	174	150	126	102	0
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper(s) 01 02 03 04	Subject	300	247	220	192	164	136	108	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper(s) 01T 02 03 04	Subject	300	247	220	192	164	136	108	0
9MT0	A Level Music Technology Paper(s) 01T 02T 03 04	Subject	300	247	220	192	164	136	108	0
Persian										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PNO	A Level Persian Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	370	326	283	240	197	154	111	0
Physical Education										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PEO	A Level Physical Education Paper(s) 01 02 03 04	Subject	360	266	237	205	173	141	110	0
9PEO	A Level Physical Education Paper(s) 01 02 03T 04	Subject	360	266	237	205	173	141	110	0
9PEO	A Level Physical Education Paper(s) 01 02 03T 04T	Subject	360	266	237	205	173	141	110	0
Physics										
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8PHO	AS Physics Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	160		103	88	73	58	43	0
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PHO	A Level Physics Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	300	239	215	182	149	117	85	0
Politics										
AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U
8PLO	AS Politics Paper(s) 01 02	Subject	120		88	80	72	64	57	0
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PLO	A Level Politics Paper(s) 01 02 3A	Subject	252	177	158	134	111	88	65	0
9PLO	A Level Politics Paper(s) 01 02 3B	Subject	252	179	160	136	112	88	64	0
Portuguese										
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9PGO	A Level Portuguese Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	370	325	286	247	209	171	133	0

Psychology

AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U
8PS0	AS Psychology	Subject	140	82	72	63	54	45	0
Paper(s) 01 02									
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	U
9PS0	A Level Psychology	Subject	270	162	140	116	93	70	47
Paper(s) 01 02 03									

Religious Studies

AS overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A	B	C	D	E	U	
8RSO	AS Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	162		120	104	88	72	57	0	
8RSO	AS Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4A	Subject	162		119	103	87	71	55	0	
8RSO	AS Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4B	Subject	162		117	101	85	70	55	0	
8RSO	AS Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4C	Subject	162		119	103	87	71	55	0	
A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	240	212	188	159	130	102	74	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4A	Subject	240	213	192	162	132	103	74	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4B	Subject	240	213	193	163	133	104	75	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4C	Subject	240	212	191	161	131	101	72	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4D	Subject	240	214	194	163	132	102	72	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4E	Subject	240	213	193	162	132	102	72	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 01 02 4F	Subject	240	213	193	162	132	102	72	0	
9RSO	A Level Religious Studies Paper(s) 02 03 4D	Subject	240	211	191	161	131	101	71	0	

Russian

A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9RU0	A Level Russian Paper(s) 01 02 03	Subject	400	299	260	221	182	144	106	0

Spanish

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Statistics

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Turkish

A level overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9TU0	A Level Turkish Paper(s) 010203	Subject	370	340	311	260	209	159	109	0

Urdu

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