

10 Awarding and reporting for the qualification

The awarding and certification of this qualification will comply with the requirements of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).

Calculation of the qualification grade

This qualification is a level 2 qualification, and the certification may show a grade ranging from Level 2 PP to Level 2 **D*D***. (Please refer to the Calculation of qualification grade table for the full list of grades.) If these are not achieved, a Level 1 grade may be awarded. Learners whose level of achievement is below a Level 1 will receive an unclassified U result. Each individual unit will be awarded a grade of Level 2 Pass, Merit, Distinction or Level 1.

Distinction* is not available at unit level. Learners whose level of achievement is below a Level 1 will receive an unclassified U for that unit.

Award of Distinction* (D*) D* is an aggregated grade for the qualification, based on the learner's overall performance. In order to achieve this grade, learners will have to demonstrate a strong performance across the qualification as a whole. To achieve a level 2 qualification, learners must:

- complete and report an outcome for all units within the permitted combination (NB Unclassified is a permitted unit outcome)
- have sufficient points across the core units, i.e. 24 points (must achieve a distinction in unit 2 if a grade returned for unit 1)
- achieve the minimum number of points at a grade threshold from the permitted combination. See the Calculation of qualification grade table.

Learners who do not achieve a Level 2 may be entitled to achieve a Level 1 where they:

- complete and report an outcome for all units within the permitted combination (NB Unclassified is a permitted unit outcome)
- have sufficient points across the core units, i.e. 12 points
- achieve the minimum number of points for a Level 1. See the Calculation of qualification grade table. Learners who do not achieve sufficient points for this qualification may be eligible to achieve the Award qualification, provided they have sufficient points across the core units and have completed the correct combination of units. Please see Annexe E for the structure of the BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment qualification and the latest version of the Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment specification on our website (www.edexcel.com). It is your responsibility to ensure that the correct unit combination is adhered to.

Points available for unit size and grades

The table below shows the number of points scored per 10 guided learning hours at each grade.

Points per grade per 10 guided learning hours

Unclassified	Level 1	Level 2 Pass (P)	Level 2 Merit (M)	Level 2 Distinction (D)
0	2	4	6	8

Edexcel will automatically calculate the qualification grade for your learners when your learner unit grades are submitted. Learners will be awarded qualification grades for achieving the sufficient number of points within the ranges shown in the Calculation of qualification grade table. Example: A learner achieves a Level 2 Pass grade for a unit. The unit size is 30 guided learning hours (GLH). Therefore they gain 12 points for that unit, i.e. 4 points for each 10 GLH, therefore 12 points for 30 GLH.

Calculation of qualification grade

Award (120 GLH)		Certificate (240 GLH)	
Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold
u	0	u	0
Level 1	24	Level 1	48
Level 2 Pass	48	Level 2 PP	96
		Level 2 MP	114
Level 2 Merit	66	Level 2 MM	132
		Level 2 DM	150
Level 2 Distinction	84	Level 2 DD	168
		Level 2 D*D	174
Level 2 Distinction*	90	Level 2 D*D*	180

Applying criteria to internal assessments

Each unit and learning aim has specified assessment criteria. Your centre should use these criteria for assessing the quality of the evidence provided. This determines the grade awarded. The assessment criteria are not a set of sequential activities but a way of making a judgement. For example, if a Level 2 Pass specifies a 'description' and a Merit an 'analysis', these do not require two different activities but rather one activity through which some learners will provide only description evidence and others will also provide analysis evidence. The assessment criteria are **hierarchical**. A learner can achieve a Merit only if they provide sufficient evidence for the Level 2 Pass and Merit criteria. Similarly, a learner can achieve a Distinction only if they give sufficient evidence for the Level 2 Pass, Merit and Distinction criteria. A summative unit grade is awarded after all opportunities for achievement are given. A learner must achieve all the assessment criteria for that grade. Therefore:

- to achieve a Level 2 Distinction a learner must have satisfied all the Distinction criteria in a way that encompasses all the Level 2 Pass, Merit and Distinction criteria, providing evidence of performance of outstanding depth, quality or application
- to achieve a Level 2 Merit a learner must have satisfied all the Merit criteria in a way that encompasses all the Level 2 Pass and Merit criteria, providing performance of enhanced depth or quality
- to achieve a Level 2 Pass a learner must have satisfied all the Level 2 Pass criteria, showing breadth of coverage of the required unit content and having relevant knowledge, understanding and skills
- a learner can be awarded a Level 1 if all the level 1 criteria are fully met. The award of Level 1 is not achieved through a failure to meet the Level 2 Pass criteria. A learner who does not achieve all the assessment criteria at level 1 has not passed the unit and should be given a U (Unclassified). A learner must achieve all the defined learning aims to pass the internally assessed units.

There is no compensation within the unit.

Annexe E

The structure of the Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment

The Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment is taught over 120 guided learning hours (GLH). It has core, mandatory and optional specialist units.

Learners must complete the two core units, the mandatory unit plus one of optional specialist units to reach a total of 120 GLH.

This BTEC First Award has units that your centre assesses (internal) and a unit that Edexcel sets and marks (external).

Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Construction and the Built Environment			
Unit	Core units	Assessment method	GLH
1	Construction Technology	External	30
2	Construction and Design	Internal	30
Mandatory unit			
3	Scientific and Mathematical Applications for Construction	Internal	30
Optional specialist units			
4	Construction Processes and Operations	Internal	30
5	Construction Drawing Techniques	Internal	30
6	Exploring Carpentry and Joinery Principles and Techniques	Internal	30
7	Exploring Brickwork and Blockwork Principles and Techniques	Internal	30
8	Exploring Painting and Decorating Principles and Techniques	Internal	30
9	Exploring Plumbing Principles and Techniques	Internal	30
10	Exploring Electrical Principles and Techniques	Internal	30