



BTEC Level 3 Guide

Introducing BTECs (Vocational qualifications)

BTECs give students the skills they need to either move on to higher education or go straight into employment. They provide a practical, real-world approach to learning without sacrificing any of the essential subject theory.

A practical approach to learning

BTECs offer practical experience that is often lacking in more traditional routes such as A-levels. Students have to undertake a number of units for which they present evidence, based on real-life work and studies.

Keep your options open

BTECs offer students a full progression route and can be taken alongside certain AS/A Levels. Students can do more than one BTEC course at a time and at different qualification levels.

No exam pressure!

On a BTEC, progress is measured throughout the course, allowing the student to gauge their own performance on a continuing basis, just like in a real workplace.

BTECs Level 3 are equivalent to A-levels, so they are all you need to take you all the way to University or into a career straight from College.

FACT

BTECs are valued by Universities, employers and professional bodies across the UK and recognised throughout 85 countries worldwide.

Qualification	Equivalent to	Units to do	Grades	UCAS points
Subsidiary diploma	1 GCE A-level	6	P, M, D, D*	Maximum of 140
Diploma	2 GCE A-levels	12	PP, MM, DD, DD*	Maximum of 280
Extended diploma	3 GCE A-levels	18	PPP, MMM, DDD, DDD*	Maximum of 420

Key: P=Pass (E), M=Merit (C), D=Distinction (A), D*=Distinction* (A*)