

# NFEC network

# 2016 BTEC Nationals

# DfE criteria for level 3 vocational qualifications

Characteristic	Interim (2016)	Full criteria Applied General (2018)	Full criteria Tech Level (2018)
A. Purpose – progression to...	✓	... range of subjects at a higher level or to employment	... work in specific vocational areas – directly or via HE
B. Size	✓	Min 150 glh	Min 300 glh
C. Recognition	✓	3 HEIs	5 employers/1 PB
D. Appropriate content		Min 60% mandatory	Min 40% mandatory
E. External Assessment		Min 40%	Min 30%
F. Synoptic Assessment		✓	✓
G. Grading		✓	✓
H. Employer involvement			Delivery/assessment
I. Progression		✓	✓
J. Proven Track Record		Take-up in first 2 yrs	Take-up in first 2 yrs

# Titles and sizes of Nationals in Engineering 2016 (for 2018 reporting)

Title		MC	EA	Size	Intended Category
Extended Cert.	Engineering	83%	67%	360 GLH	Applied Gen.
Sub. Cert.	Engineering	67%	44%	540 GLH	Applied Gen.
Diploma	Electronic/Electrical	58%	33%	720 GLH	Technical
	Mechanical	58%	33%	720 GLH	Technical
	Computing	67%	33%	720 GLH	Technical
	Manufacturing	67%	33%	720 GLH	Technical
	Aeronautical	67%	33%	720 GLH	Technical
	Engineering	58%	33%	720 GLH	Technical

MC = mandatory content

EA = external assessment

# Titles and sizes of Nationals in Engineering 2016

Title		MC	EA	Size	Intended Category
Ext. Diploma	Engineering	56%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical
	Electrical/Electronic	56%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical
	Mechanical	56%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical
	Computing	61%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical
	Manufacturing	61%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical
	Aeronautical	61%	33%	1080 GLH	Technical

## Some key features:

Collaborative development – including employers, HE, colleges, NFEC

Higher mandatory content (especially the Award – 60%)

External assessment – depending on size.

UCAS points to be applied for once accredited.

# BTEC Nationals and the 2018 Initial L3 Lists (16-19)

## **DfE publishes initial list of Applied General and Technical Level qualifications for 2018 results**

The Department for Education (DfE) has released their initial list of Applied General and Tech Level qualifications which will count towards post-16 performance measures in England for summer 2018 results.

## **When will we see the final level 3 Lists for 2018 results?**

**This is the first part of a two-stage process.** As in previous years, the DfE will confirm the final 2018 Lists later this year – likely to be around Easter 2016 - following a second review for selected qualifications not included on the initial Lists.

## **Do BTEC qualifications appear on the initial Lists?**

BTEC Nationals (2016) qualifications included on the initial Tech Level List are:

Pearson BTEC Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development

- Diploma
- Extended Diploma

We are intending that all remaining BTEC Nationals (2016) submitted for the Lists will be part of the second review process and these are therefore not included in these initial Lists.

## **What are you doing to ensure BTEC Nationals (2016) are on the final 2018 Lists?**

You can continue to plan with confidence for September 2016 – BTEC Nationals (2016) are all regulated by Ofqual and the DfE has confirmed that they have no concerns with the range or quality of the assessments (e.g. Assignment Briefs, Tasks, Performances, and Written Tests).

The DfE has asked us to review some aspects of how the qualification grade is calculated for the BTEC Nationals (2016) which are not included on the initial Lists. In addition, they have requested some additional changes on a few individual qualifications. We anticipate that these amendments will not require any changes to content or assessment.

We are currently finalising these changes with the DfE, and we will update you as soon as we have confirmation of the final Tech Level and Applied General Lists for 2018 results.

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## What happens next?

We're releasing more support for your new BTEC Nationals (2016) this spring, including examples of the materials you told us are most important to you:

- Authorised Assignment Brief
- Schemes of Work
- Sample Marked Learner Work.

And there's more help on the way with some quick guides to:

- unit grading
- assessments
- ideas for employer involvement.

So do take a look at your new BTEC Nationals (2016) course pages to find out more.

## Here to help

As always, your Subject Advisor teams are on hand to support you – do get in touch through our website at [quals.pearson.com/contact](https://quals.pearson.com/contact).

We look forward to working with you on the new BTEC Nationals in 2016 and beyond.

# Nationals 2016 – Further Details

## Some further details

Two mandatory externally assessed units across all qualifications. One will be a written exam and the other a pre-released task set and marked by Pearson

One other externally assessed unit across all Extended Diploma size qualifications

- **Introductory Guide** is available [here](#)
- **Specification** is available [here](#)
- Book yourself onto a **launch event** [here](#)

BTEC Nationals in Construction available for first teaching from September 2017

## Some further details



# Higher Nationals review and consultation

Current spec extended to December 17

Proposed 2017/18 first teaching of revised HN Engineering

**HN Global** – new digital community and on-line library for students and tutors.

**Commissioned Model** – Opportunity to develop bespoke HNs

Also be aware of current minimum English language requirements.

# Work Based Learning

- Continue to engage with trailblazer groups within Aerospace and Automotive sectors to lead on Apprenticeship reform
- Pearson only AO to deliver end point assessment for the Rail Design Technician standard
- QCF level 3 qualifications in Engineering that are part of an Advanced Apprenticeship have been extended until 31/12/16
- New traineeship pre-packaged bundles available for Engineering and Construction sectors – see next slide
- New free teaching materials and learner workbook available for the [L1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment](#)
- **Sign up to our WBL monthly newsletter [Insight](#)**

# Traineeships from Pearson

- Off the shelf packages with one click entry or personalised programmes
- Qualifications that provide progression for learners into employment, apprenticeships or further study
- Resources to help with initial assessment, delivery and FELTAG requirements
- Construction traineeship is available [here](#)
- Engineering traineeship is available [here](#)

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