

## Mapping Edexcel BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC) and BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) to International Qualifications

### Summary of Edexcel Qualification Structure

The UK Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) replaced the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland in September 2010. This has led to the existence of two versions of many Edexcel qualifications, one for the NQF, and one for the QCF. From September 2011 all NQF qualifications will be replaced by their QCF equivalents. Under the QCF, the diploma length Edexcel BTEC HNC is 60 ECTS credits, and requires 120 UK QCF credits (720 guided learning hours), whilst the diploma length Edexcel BTEC HND is 120 ECTS credits and requires a 240 UK QCF credits (1440 guided learning hours). Both qualifications can also be studied as shorter length certificate or award qualifications. The NQF version of the Edexcel BTEC HNC is 60 ECTS credits and requires a minimum of 10 units (600 hours one year minimum full-time) whilst the Edexcel BTEC HND is 120 ECTS credits and requires a minimum of 16 units (960 hours two years minimum full-time). All HNDs, standard and customised, are Level 5 under the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

Pearson Education Ltd (the provider of Edexcel BTEC HNC and HND qualifications) is a recognised awarding body in the UK and as such is subject to regulation by Ofqual which undertakes regular audits of its activities. Details of the regulations governing awarding bodies can be found here <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>. The Edexcel BTEC HNC and HND quality assurance procedures are applied equally worldwide. More information relating to Edexcel qualifications can be found at [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com). Qualifications are offered in the following sectors:

- Applied Science
- Art and Design
- Business and Services
- Children and Young People
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
- IT
- Land-based and Environment
- Media
- Performing Arts and Music
- Public and Uniformed Services
- Sport
- Training and Education

## Tables of Comparability

Three tables of comparability have been provided by UK NARIC. The first on pages 4-11 includes all Edexcel BTEC HNC and HND comparable qualifications from the EU member states, the second on pages 12-15 lists qualifications from the European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Turkey whilst the third table on pages 16-17 includes non-European comparable qualifications from Australia, the US and Canada.

The tables below list the country where a particular qualification(s) is offered in the first column whilst the second column indicates the overseas qualification titles. The comparable Edexcel levels (Edexcel BTEC HNC or Edexcel BTEC HND) are provided in the third and fourth columns. The levels relate in the third column to the HNC and HND titles specified on the previous National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and in the fourth column to the new titles proposed in accordance with the new Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

The fifth column lists the comparable European Qualification Framework (EQF) levels. The sixth column identifies the qualifications which students should be able to access following completion of the HNC and HND qualifications. Completion of a HND may enable 2nd or 3rd year entry onto an academic Higher Education programme, subject to the discretion of the institution. The final column provides the occupational outcomes following the completion of the HNC and HND qualifications; these are indicated as either Technician / Supervisor or Higher Technician / Middle Management. The first part expresses the vocational outcome whilst the second provides an indication of the level of supervisory / managerial responsibilities a holder of the qualification may be expected to perform. Please note that level of managerial responsibility is provided as guidance. The responsibilities acquired upon completion of the qualification may vary depending on the work experience gained and the roles available in a particular sector.

All comparisons have been conducted using the UK NARIC methodology for evaluating overseas qualifications, an overview of the methodology used is provided below. Please note that the following comparability levels are provided as guidance, based on informed opinion.

## Appendices

There are two appendices which follow the tables. Appendix 1 on pages 18-21 contains sample Edexcel qualification certificates for the BTEC HNC and BTEC HND followed up their respective transcripts providing details on performance. Appendix 2 on page 22 provides a table demonstrating the guided learning hours and how these relate to credit allocations under the new QCF.

## Methodological Notes

UK NARIC is a member of the NARIC Network which is tasked by the European Commission to facilitate the recognition of overseas qualifications and education systems. The NARICs have been designated by the Ministries of Education in the respective

countries, but the status and the scope of work of individual NARICs may differ. The methodologies used by the NARIC centres are founded upon the key principles of the Lisbon Convention for the recognition of overseas qualifications and the Bologna Declaration<sup>1</sup>. It is important to note, however, that the methodologies used by the NARIC centres for qualification recognition may vary in their interpretation and application of evaluation criteria.

For the purposes of this project, all comparisons provided above are based on the UK NARIC methodology for evaluating overseas qualifications which has been developed in accordance with the core principles of credential evaluation set out in the Lisbon Convention. All comparability decisions are quality assured by engaging key stakeholders in the education sector and are subject to regular review. The methodology takes into account a number of factors including:

- Qualification structure
- Mode of learning
- Learning and occupational outcomes
- Assessment rigour
- Quality assurance
- Admission procedures

Where there is no immediate comparable qualification UK NARIC has provided the nearest comparable qualification(s) in terms of level. Please note that in some countries there are no comparable qualifications to either the Edexcel BTEC HNC or Edexcel BTEC HND. For further guidance on the methodology used to conduct this exercise, please contact UK NARIC.

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<sup>1</sup> The Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region was developed by the Council of Europe and UNESCO and adopted by national representatives in Lisbon on 11 April 1997. It sets out the key principles for the evaluation of overseas qualifications. The Lisbon Recognition Convention is an important instrument for the Bologna Process which aims at creating the "European higher education area" by making academic degree standards and quality assurance standards more comparable and compatible throughout Europe.

**Table of Comparability 1: Qualifications from EU Countries**

Country	Qualification Title	Comparability to Edexcel Qualifications (ECTS credits in brackets)		EQF Level	Educational Progression* (may allow for entry to year 2 or 3 of a Higher Level Programme)	Occupational outcome (Vocational outcome / level of managerial responsibility)**
		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Austria	Meister / Meisterbrief	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor, Diplomstudium / Magister, Fachhochschuldiplom / Diplom	Technician / Supervisor
	Abschlusszeugnis from a Kolleg	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager /
	Diplom from post-secondary non-university institution	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Belgium	Gegradueerde and other one cycle non university HE programmes	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor, Licencié and other two cycle diplomas	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager /
	Graduat and other one cycle non university HE programmes	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager /
Bulgaria	Diploma Specialist (3 year course in professional fields)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Бакалавър (Bachelor degree), Profesionalen bakalavar (Professional Bachelor), Diploma za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie	Technician / Supervisor
Croatia	Vise Obrazovanje / Level VI/1 (first-level degree obtained on completion of a two- to three-year course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Baccalaureus / Baccalaurea, Prvostupnik/Prvostupnica, (Bachelor Degree), Visoko Obrazovanja / Level VII/1 (second-level degree obtained on completion of a four- to six-year course)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Cyprus	Associate degree / Diploma / Advanced Diploma / Higher Diploma (3-4 years) from a recognised tertiary education institution	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Ptychio (from University of Cyprus)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Czech Republic, the	Pomaturitni specializacni studium	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bakalár, Bachelors	Technician / Supervisor
	Diplomovany Specialista (Professional Title) from Vyssí Odborná Skola (Higher Professional School), sometimes referred to by name of final examination (Absolutorium)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Denmark	Afgangsbevis / Eksamensbevis (from specialised institute)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Diplomingeniør (formerly Teknikumingeniør), Professionbachelor / Eksanmensbevis / Medium cycle higher education diploma, Candidatus Philosophiae	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Basisuddannelse: Grunduddannelse / Bifagsexamen / Examen Artium	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Denmark	Korte Videregående Uddannelser (KVU) (Short-Cycle Professional Higher Education Diploma (AK))	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Diplomingeniør (formerly Teknikumingeniør), Professionbachelor / Eksanmensbevis / Medium cycle higher education diploma, Candidatus Philosophiae	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Professionbachelor / Medium cycle higher education diploma (awarded until 2004)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Estonia	Diplom (from a Rakenduskõrgkool / applied higher education programmes)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bakalaurusekraad / Diploma (Bachelor degree)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
France	Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Diplôme d'Etat de Technicien (3 years), Licence, Licence Professionnelle, Diplôme National de Technologie Spécialisé (DNST)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme des Métiers d'Art (DMA)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme d'Etat de Technicien (2 years)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires de Sciences et Techniques (DEUST)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Germany	Meister / Meisterbrief	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor, Erste Staatsexamen / Magister Artium / Diplom, Fachhochschuldiplom	Technician / Supervisor
	Staatlich Geprüfte(r)... Techniker(in), Betriebswirt(in), Gestalter(in), Familiopfleger(in), Wirtschaftler(in)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Berufsakademien Diplom / Studienakademien Diplom / Diplom (BA)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Fachschulabschluss	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Greece	N/A	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Ptychio awarded by a TEI constitutes a professionally oriented first degree	Higher Technican / Middle Management
Ireland	Advanced Certificate (previously the National Craft Certificate)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Higher Diploma, Honours Bachelor degree, Ordinary Bachelor degree	Technician / Supervisor
	Higher Certificate	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Italy	IFTS / Diploma Certificato di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore (from 1999)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Corsi di Laurea, Diploma accademico di primo livello, Diploma di Laurea, Diploma di Laurea (Vecchio Ordinamento)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Italy	Diploma (from the Istituto Superiore Pareggiato di Educazione Fisica)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Corsi di Laurea, Diploma accademico di primo livello, Diploma di Laurea, Diploma di Laurea (Vecchio Ordinamento)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diploma della Scuola Diretta a Fini Speciali (SDAFS) (up until 1999)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Latvia	Professional Diploma (awarded by non-university higher education institutions)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bakalauri (from 2003), Professional Bachelor Degree	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Lithuania	Auktojo Mokslo Diplomas / Auktesniojo Mokslo Diplomas	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bakalauras (Bachelor degree), Profesinis Bakalauras (Professional Bachelor degree)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Luxembourg	Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures de Gestion	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor	Higher Technician / Middle Management
	Diplôme d'Ingénieur Technicien / Diplôme d'Ingénieur Industriel	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Malta	Diploma from the University of Malta	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	General degree, Honours degree *VC indicates Higher Diploma is available from University of Malta	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Netherlands, the	Propedeuse	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO) (Higher Professional Education Diploma), Bachelor degree, Doctoraal	Technician / Supervisor
Norway	Vitnemål fra Teknisk Fagskole (Technical College) / Tekniker	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Candidatus Magisterii	Technician / Supervisor
	Høgskolekandidat (from university colleges)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Ingeniør fra Ingeniør Høgskoler (Engineering University College)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Poland	Diploma (in professional fields from a Szkoły Pomaturalne)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Licencjat / Inzynier (awarded from 2002), Bachelor degree	Technician / Supervisor
Portugal	Bacharel / Bacharelato	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Diploma de Estudos Superiores Especializados (DESE), Licenciado	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Romania	Diploma de Absolvire of shortcycle higher education (from Colleges)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Diplomă de Licență (three to four years long), Bachelor degree	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Scotland	SQA Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor (Hons)	Technician / Supervisor
	SQA Higher National Diploma (HND)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Slovakia	Vysvedcenie o absolventskej skuske (Higher Vocational Diploma)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bakalár, Magister / Inžinier (formerly Absolvent Vysokej školy) / Professional title	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Slovenia	Master Craftsman	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Diplomirani / Diplomirani Inženir from Visoko izobraževanje (Professional programme diploma), Diplomant, Professionally Oriented First Degree, University Diploma, Univerzitetni Diplomant, Academically Oriented First Degree	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Spain	Arquitecto Técnico (from Escuela de Arquitectura) (first cycle university course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Título de Licenciado	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Spain	Diplomatura (terminal course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Título de Licenciado	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Ingeniero Técnico (from Escuela de Ingeniero Técnico) (first cycle university course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Sweden	Kvalificerad Yrkesexamen, 40 poäng (KY) (Vocational Diploma with 40+ points)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor Degree / Kandidatexamen, Professional Bachelor Degree / Yrkesexamen	Technician / Supervisor
	Högskoleexamen (University Diploma) in professional fields (min 50 credits)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Kvalificerad Yrkesexamen, 50 poäng (KY) (Vocational Diploma with 50+ points)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

\* Completion of an Edexcel BTEC HND may enable 2nd or 3rd year entry to an HE academic programme. This is guidance provided by UK NARIC, admission remains at the discretion of the admitting institution.

\*\*The level of managerial responsibility acquired upon completion of the qualification may depend on the work experience gained and sector in which the individual plans to work.

**Table of Comparability 2: Qualifications from European Economic Area (EEA) Countries and Turkey**

Country	Qualification Title	Comparability to Edexcel Qualifications (ECTS credits in brackets)		EQF Level	Educational progression* (may allow for entry to year 2 or 3 of a Higher Level Programme)	Occupational outcomes (Vocational outcome / level of managerial responsibility)*
		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Albania	Diplome Jo-Universitare	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Diploma e nivelit te pare (First Level Diploma)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Vise Obrazovanje (first-level degree obtained on completion of a two to three-year course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor Degree, Visoko Obrazovanja (second-level degree obtained on completion of a four to six-year course)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Holy See (The Vatican)	Baccalaureate (-2004)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Baccalaureate (From 2006),	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Iceland	Post-Secondary Certificate or Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Baccalaureatus degree	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Macedonia	Vise Obrazovanje (first-level degree obtained on completion of a two- to three-year course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Visoko Obrazovanja (second-level degree obtained on completion of a four- to six-year course)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Monaco	Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (Higher Technician / Assistant Manager / Junior Management's Certificate)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	N/A	Technician / Supervisor

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Serbia	Diplom Vieg Obrazovanje (first- level degree obtained on completion of a two to three-year course)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Diplom Visokog Obrazovanja (second-level degree obtained on completion of a four to six-year course)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Switzerland	Betriebsökonom (HWV) (3-4 years)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Fachhochschule Diplom, Lizentiat/ Licence, Diplom / Diplôme	Technician / Supervisor
	Brevet Fédéral	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Economista Aziendale (SSQEA) (3-4 years)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Economiste d Entreprise (ESCEA) (3-4 years)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Eidgenössischer Fachausweis	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Professionale Federale	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Diplom Höhere Fachschule	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager

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		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Switzerland	Diplom Höhere Technische Lehranstalt (HTL)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Fachhochschule Diplom, Lizentiat/ Licence, Diplom / Diplôme	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diploma di Scuola Tecnica Superiore (STS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diploma Scuole Specializzate Superiori	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme d'Ecole Technique Supérieure (ETS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Diplôme Ecole Supérieure Spécialisée	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Turkey	Ön-Lisans Diploması (Associate Degree)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Lisans Diploması	Technician / Supervisor
	Usta Öğreticilik Belgesi (Master Trainer Certificate)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor

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**Table of Comparability 3: Qualifications from Non-European Countries – Australia, Canada and the US**

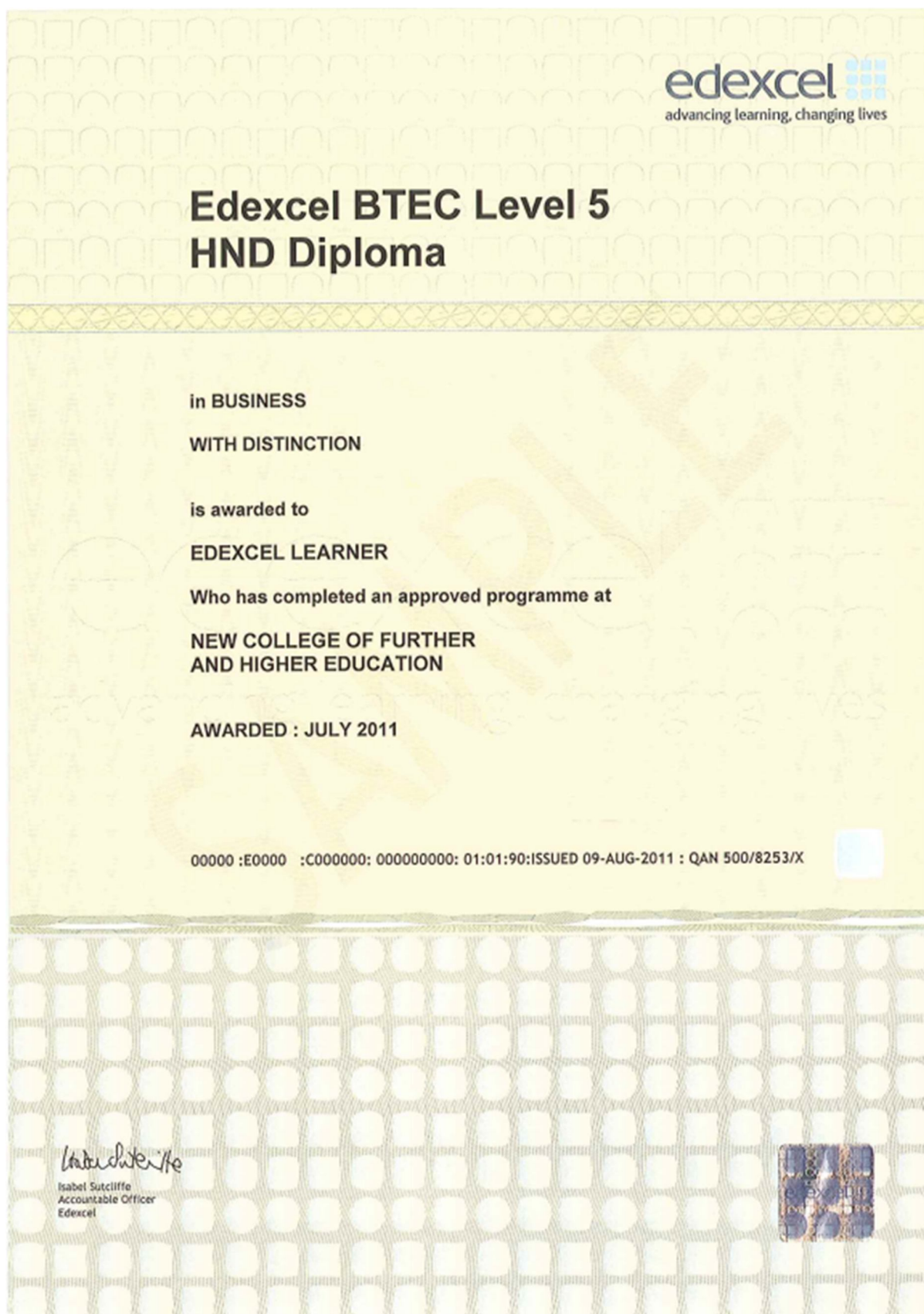
Country	Qualification Title	Comparability to Edexcel Qualifications (ECTS credits in brackets)		EQF Level (where applicable)	Educational Progression*(may allow for entry to year 2 or 3 of a Higher Level Programme)	Occupational outcomes (Vocational outcome / level of managerial responsibility)*
		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
Australia	AQF Advanced Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree (Ordinary), Bachelor degree (Honours)	Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	AQF Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	Associate Degree (since 2004)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	RATE Associate Diploma (until 1999)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor
	RATE Diploma (until 1999)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
Canada	Associate Degree	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, Bachelor degree (Honours), Professional Degree	Technician / Supervisor
	Diploma (3 years) / Diploma of Technology	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma (120 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma (120 ECTS)	5		Higher Technician / Assistant Manager
	Post-Diploma Certificate from Ontario (1 year)	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5		Technician / Supervisor

Country	Qualification Title	Comparability to Edexcel Qualifications (ECTS credits in brackets)		EQF Level (where applicable)	Educational Progression*(may allow for entry to year 2 or 3 of a Higher Level Programme)	Occupational outcomes (Vocational outcome / level of managerial responsibility)*
		NQF titles (-2010)	QCF Titles (2011-)			
United States of America	Associate degree / Professional Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Higher National Certificate (60 ECTS)	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma (60 ECTS)	5	Bachelor degree, First Professional Degree	Technician / Supervisor

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Appendix 1: Sample Edexcel Certificates and Transcripts of Performance



## Appendix 2: BTEC UK NQF - UK QCF

UK NQF			UK QCF		
Level	Qualification title	GLH	Qualification title	Credits	Comparable to
<b>BTEC Level 4/5 Higher Nationals</b>					
4/5	Edexcel Level 5 BTEC Higher National Diploma	960	Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma	240	Foundation Degrees, Dip HE
	Edexcel Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate	600	Edexcel BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma	120	Intermediate level qualifications
<b>BTEC Level 3 Nationals</b>					
3	Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma	1080	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma	180	3 GCE A Levels
	Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate	720	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma	120	2 GCE A Levels
	Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award	360	Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	60	1 GCE A Level
			Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Certificate	30	1 GCE AS Level
<b>BTEC Level 2 Firsts</b>					
2	Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diploma	360	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diploma	60	4 IGCSEs (A*-C)
	Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate	180	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate	30	2 IGCSEs (A*-C)
			Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate	15	1 IGCSE (A*-C)
<b>BTEC Level 1 Introductory and Foundation Learning</b>					
1/2	Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diploma	variable	Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Diplomas, Certificates & Awards (vocational component of Foundation Learning)	variable	IGCSE (D-G)
	Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Introductory Certificate	variable		variable	IGCSE (D-G)
<b>Entry Level BTEC/Certificates and Foundation Learning</b>					
Entry	Edexcel Entry Level BTEC Certificate in Life Skills	variable	Edexcel BTEC Entry Level Diplomas, Certificates & Awards (vocational component of Foundation Learning)	variable	n/a
	Edexcel Entry Level BTEC Certificate in Skills for Working Life	variable		variable	n/a