

Accreditation of BTEC Level 2 Firsts - an important update

Edexcel's suite of NQF-accredited BTEC Level 2 Firsts is accredited until **31 August 2010** - centres can register learners on these programmes up to 31 August 2010 and have until 31 August 2012 to claim certification for learners.

From 1 September 2010, all new registrations must be made on our new suite of BTEC Level 2 Firsts accredited on to the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). We are pleased to announce that a substantial number of these new qualifications have been accredited for first teaching from September 2010. These have been accredited by Ofqual using new titling conventions, as explained [here](#).

Further information is available on the [National Database of Accredited Qualifications](#) and an up to date list of the titles accredited so far can be accessed on the following page, under Accreditation Update:
<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts10/Pages/keydocs.aspx>.

A number of final accredited specifications are now available on the website. You can look for specifications by selecting the relevant subject from the list on the following page: <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts10/Pages/default.aspx>. Where the specification is not yet available there are draft materials available within the respective sector headings.

A range of BTEC Level 2 Firsts in a number of additional sectors (e.g. Health and Social Care, Hospitality, Land and the Environment) are currently in the process of being developed and submitted to Ofqual for accreditation on to the QCF. Once these are accredited, centres will be informed via the Edexcel website.

Alongside these developments we are working to create significantly improved support materials for teachers and learners. Details of these materials and transition arrangements from NQF to the new QCF accredited BTEC Firsts will be made available on the website shortly.