



Travel and Tourism

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Diploma

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Travel and Tourism?

The qualification provides a preliminary vocational education and training for those interested in the travel and tourism industry. It has a strong business and customer service element, making it suitable for learners who wish to enter into employment, but also provides a strong basis for progressing to further education or training.

The course consists of three core units and three specialist units, which provide a total of 360 guided learning hours. The nature of the course allows you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Diploma. The precise method of delivery will vary according to the programmes offered by education centres but in general, the structure of the course allows you to develop your existing interests and explore new areas alongside gaining a broad foundation. Subjects you might choose to focus on include European holiday destinations, business skills for travel and tourism or exploring marketing in travel and tourism.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

The BTEC First Diploma in Travel and Tourism can be used by successful candidates as a stepping stone towards entering initial employment in positions such as passenger check-in officer or tourist information centre assistant.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Diploma has the equivalence of 4 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Diploma in Travel and Tourism, you can progress to further studies by enrolling on another Level 2 programme, such as a relevant NVQ, or move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Travel and Tourism.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Travel and Tourism are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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