



# Construction

## Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Award

### What is the Level 3 BTEC National Award in Construction?

The BTEC National Award in Construction will provide you with an understanding of the important skills, techniques and attitudes needed to begin professional work or to move on to further study. You will be introduced to the employment opportunities available in the construction industry, enabling you to choose your preferred area of work, and if already in employment, to progress to a more responsible job or prominent position within your chosen field.

The course is designed to be adaptable to your interests, abilities and needs. There are four compulsory core units plus a choice of units from a range of specialist areas totalling 360 guided learning hours. The course structure allows you to focus on what interests you within the field, be it building, surveying, town planning or site management. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

### Where will this qualification take me?

#### Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. If successful there are a wide variety of prospective careers that you can explore, for example: estate agency, stonemasonry or risk management.

#### Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Award in Construction has the equivalence of one GCE A Level, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

## How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is largely dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take one academic year to complete but it can be studied for longer.

## What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award in Construction are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First in Construction and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the 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](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/btec)

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