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### **BTEC 2010 SECTOR SPECIFIC LAUNCH BRIEFINGS - PLAN AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE**

We'd like to invite you to one of our BTEC sector specific launch briefings focusing on the Level 2 BTEC First and Level 3 BTEC National qualifications, being revised for the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) for implementation from September 2010.

The briefings will be held at a variety of locations during October, November and December 2009. These free half-day events will be presented by BTEC sector specialists at Edexcel. Our intention is to give you an in-depth insight into our development programme for your BTEC sector so that you can plan ahead with confidence.

At the free, half-day briefing you will:

- get a detailed look at qualification structures and units
- gain an overview on planning and integrating the vocational curriculum
- look at implications and changes to the specifications in your sector
- understand what the QCF means to you
- find out about the extensive range of support on offer
- review the approval and administration arrangements

Please note that there is a mix of face to face and online events for you to choose from. Information on dates, venues and how to book a place on these events can be found via the following link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/notices/Pages/btec-specific.aspx>.

## **RE-TITLING OF THE LEVEL 2 BTEC FIRSTS AND LEVEL 3 BTEC NATIONALS**

The implementation of the new Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and the increased powers of the regulators have impacted upon the formal titling of our Level 2 BTEC First and Level 3 BTEC National qualifications. The revised conventions - based upon pre-defined "credit" sizes for Awards, Certificates and Diplomas - change the ways we name our qualifications.

This means that training providers, schools and colleges need to be clear about the titling and meaning of these BTEC qualifications. We recently contacted all BTEC centres to explain these changes. Details can also be accessed on our website, via the following links:

Equivalence guide: [Re-titling of the Level 2 BTEC Firsts and Level 3 BTEC Nationals](#)

Marketing briefing: [Communicating the revised QCF Level 2 BTEC First and Level 3 BTEC National titles](#)

Presentation: [Briefing on the revised QCF Level 2 BTEC First and Level 3 BTEC National titles](#)

[FAQs - Re-titling of the Level 2 BTEC Firsts and Level 3 BTEC Nationals](#)

If you have any queries about the re-titling of Level 2 BTEC Firsts and Level 3 BTEC Nationals, please contact the BTEC team at [btec@edexcel.com](mailto:btec@edexcel.com) or our Customer Services team on 0844 576 0026.

## **ACCREDITATION UPDATE - LEVEL 2 BTEC FIRSTS AND LEVEL 3 BTEC NATIONALS**

We are pleased to announce that a number of Level 2 BTEC Firsts and Level 3 BTEC Nationals have been accredited on to the QCF for first teaching from September 2010. These have been accredited by Ofqual using the new titling conventions, as explained above. Further information is available on the [National Database of Accredited Qualifications](#) and will be added to the Edexcel website shortly.

The qualifications accredited so far are as follows:

### **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Applied Science**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

### **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Art and Design**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design

## **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Business**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Business
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Business
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Business

## **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Construction**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Construction
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Construction
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Construction

## **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Engineering**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Engineering
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Engineering
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Engineering
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Engineering (Electronics)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Engineering (Maintenance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Engineering (Manufacturing)

## **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Performing Arts**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Production)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Production)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Performance)
- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Production)

## **Level 2 BTEC Firsts in Sport**

- Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Sport

## **Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Applied Science**

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (Forensic Science)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (Medical Science)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science (Forensic Science)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science (Medical Science)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Forensic Science)

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Medical Science)

### Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Art and Design

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (3D Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Design Crafts)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Fashion and Clothing)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Graphic Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Interactive Media)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Photography)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Art and Design (Textiles)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (3D Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Design Crafts)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Fashion and Clothing)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Graphic Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Interactive Media)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Photography)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design (Textiles)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (3D Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Design Crafts)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Fashion and Clothing)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Graphic Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Interactive Media)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Photography)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Textiles)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (3D Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Design Crafts)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Fashion and Clothing)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Graphic Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Interactive Media)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Photography)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Textiles)

### Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Business

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Business
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Business
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Administration)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Finance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Human Resources)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Law)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Marketing)

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business (Retail)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Administration)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Finance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Human Resources)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Law)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Marketing)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business (Retail)

### **Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Construction**

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Building Services Engineering)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Building Services Engineering)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering)

### **Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Engineering**

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Operations and Maintenance Engineering
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Operations and Maintenance Engineering

### **Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Enterprise**

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

### **Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Performing Arts**

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Performing Arts (Physical Theatre)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Physical Theatre)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)
  
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Arts Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Costume)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Makeup)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Set Design and Construction)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Stage Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Production Arts (Theatre Technology)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Arts Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Costume)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Makeup)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Set Design and Construction)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Stage Management)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Production Arts (Theatre Technology)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Production Arts
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Production Arts (Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Production Arts (Makeup)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Production Arts (Technical)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Production Arts
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Production Arts (Design)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Production Arts (Technical)

### Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Sport

- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Sport
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Sport
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport (Outdoor Adventure)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport (Outdoor Adventure)
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence)
  
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences

A range of Level 2 BTEC Firsts and Level 3 BTEC Nationals in additional sectors are currently being developed and submitted to Ofqual for accreditation on to the QCF. Once these are accredited, centres will be informed via this Bulletin and the Edexcel website.

### CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT (CRA) 2009/10

The window for this activity begins on 1 November 2009 and goes through to 28 February 2010. If your centre is being visited by a risk assessor then they will be getting in touch with you to arrange the date of the visit. To assist you getting ready for the visit a preparatory document has been produced following comments from centres. This can also be found on the website - please [click here](#) - and your risk assessor will have a copy.

Again this year Edexcel will not be asking certain centres to formally be part of the CRA process. If your centre's BTEC registrations are small or your centre is newly approved to run BTEC programmes you will not be required to undergo CRA for the 2009/10 academic year. Nevertheless, you are required to have sufficient internal quality checks in place to ensure the smooth running of your BTEC NQF programmes and assure the achievement of your learners. It is recommended that you review your quality management process this year as this will aid in highlighting any potential areas for quality improvement. Please [click here](#) to access guidance documents that will help you to conduct this review. For further clarification on this, please email [CRA@edexcel.com](mailto:CRA@edexcel.com) or contact your local BTEC Regional Quality Manager - [click here for RQM map](#).

## QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR BTEC QUALIFICATIONS IN TEACHING IN THE LIFELONG LEARNING SECTOR

In order to help centres and external examiners dealing specifically with qualifications in the lifelong learning sector we have a newly written Centre handbook for BTEC QTLS qualifications which can be found [here](#). We hope this will make your life simpler - if you have any feedback let us know.

Since many centres are only operating Level 3 qualifications we have decided to review the protocol for the number of visits, so please be aware that:

- for centres in their first year of operation - when the external examiner contacts the centre they should arrange a visit at a time suitable for clearance of any roll on roll off programmes completing earlier than the summer term.
- if the centre is running further programmes at a higher level which are not available for sampling at this visit, then the external examiner should arrange a second visit at a suitable time.
- in the second year of operation, the external examiner should be able to arrange a single visit at an appropriate time to resample and clear certification for all programmes at all levels.
- if there are particular circumstances that prevent this, then a second visit may be necessary but an external examiner must seek authorisation from Edexcel prior to making arrangements with the centre. Authorisation can be requested by email - [BTECdelivery@edexcel.com](mailto:BTECdelivery@edexcel.com).

## UPDATED HANDBOOKS FOR LEVEL 2 AND 3 BTEC QUALIFICATIONS

Many of the centre guidance documents on Edexcel's quality assurance procedures for BTEC NQF Level 2 and 3 qualifications have been updated for 2009/10. To access these documents, please [click here](#).

## BTEC QUALITY NOMINEE NETWORK MEETINGS - AUTUMN 2009

BTEC Quality Nominee network meetings in Autumn 2009 are offered free of charge to guide and support BTEC centres.

These events are not only being run to support schools and colleges with quality updates, assurance and managing the changing vocational curriculum, but they are an excellent opportunity to network with fellow colleagues.

The Autumn 2009 programme will focus on the following areas:

- Quality update 2009-2010
- Quality assurance for Edexcel WorkSkills and Foundation Learning programmes
- QA approaches to vocational qualifications from 2010
- Practical QA workshop

If you would like to book a place on a BTEC Quality Nominee Network meeting, please [click here](#).



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