

Equivalence of BTEC to GCE and GCSE Qualifications

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has allocated School and College Achievement and Attainment Table (SCAAT) points to GCSE and GCE A level qualifications.

The University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) has allocated points to GCE A level qualifications.

The UCAS and SCAAT points for GCE and GCSE qualifications are presented in the table below.

Qualification	Grade	SCAAT Points
GCSE	A*	58
	A	52
	B	46
	C	40
	D	34
	E	28
	F	22
	G	16

Qualification	Grade	SCAAT Points	UCAS Points
Advanced GCE	A	270	120
	B	240	100
	C	210	80
	D	180	60
	E	150	40

It is not a simple task to equate grades for BTEC qualifications to grades for GCSEs and GCEs, as BTECs are graded on a 3-point (Pass, Merit, Distinction) or 4-point (Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*) scale, whereas GCSEs are graded on an 8-point scale (A* to G) and GCEs on a 5-point scale (A-E). However, taking the UCAS and SCAAT points as a benchmark, we have produced the following table to help you to equate the grades that are awarded for:

- Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates
- Level 2 BTEC First Diplomas and Certificates
- Level 3 BTEC National Diplomas, Certificates and Awards

to their GCE and GCSE equivalences.

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Qualification	GCE or GCSE Equivalence	Overall grade	GCE or GCSE Grade Equivalence (based upon SCAAT points)	SCAAT points	GCE or GCSE Grade Equivalence (based upon UCAS points)	UCAS Points
Introductory Certificate	2 GCSEs at grades D - G	D	D, D at GCSE	68	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		M	E, E at GCSE	56	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		P	F, G at GCSE	38	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Introductory Diploma	4 GCSEs at grades D - G	D	D, D, D, D at GCSE	136	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		M	E, E, E, E at GCSE	112	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		P	F, F, G, G at GCSE	76	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
First Certificate	2 GCSEs at grades A* - C	D*	A*, A* at GCSE	116	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		D	A, A at GCSE	104	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		M	B, B at GCSE	92	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		P	C, C at GCSE	80	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
First Diploma	4 GCSEs at grades A* - C	D*	A*, A*, A*, A* at GCSE	232	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		D	A, A, A, A at GCSE	208	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		M	B, B, B, B at GCSE	184	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
		P	C, C, C, C at GCSE	160	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
National Award	1 GCE A Level at grade A - E	D	A at Advanced GCE	270	A at Advanced GCE	120
		M	Between C & B at Advanced GCE	225	C at Advanced GCE	80
		P	Between D & E at Advanced GCE	165	E at Advanced GCE	40
National Certificate*	2 GCE A Levels at grades A - E	D, D	A, A at Advanced GCE	540	A, A at Advanced GCE	240
		D, M	B, B at Advanced GCE	480	B, B at Advanced GCE	200
		M, M	C, C at Advanced GCE	420	C, C at Advanced GCE	160
		M, P	D, D at Advanced GCE	360	D, D at Advanced GCE	120
		P, P	E, E at Advanced GCE	300	E, E at Advanced GCE	80
National Diploma*	3 GCE A Levels at grades A - E	D, D, D	A, A, A at Advanced GCE	810	A, A, A at Advanced GCE	360
		D, D, M	No direct equivalent	757.5	A, B, B at Advanced GCE	320
		D, M, M	No direct equivalent	705	B, B, C at Advanced GCE	280
		M, M, M	No direct equivalent	652.5	C, C, C at Advanced GCE	240
		M, M, P	No direct equivalent	600	C, D, D at Advanced GCE	200
		M, P, P	No direct equivalent	547.5	D, D, E at Advanced GCE	160
		P, P, P	No direct equivalent	495	E, E, E at Advanced GCE	120

* National Certificate and Diploma in Early Years may attract additional UCAS points. See UCAS tariff for further details http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/tariff tables/#btecearly