

2009 - 2010 BENCHMARKING DATA

Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates and Diplomas

This document relates to the completions and achievements leading to certification in the academic year from September 2009 to August 2010 for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates and Diplomas. It contains the aggregated benchmarking grade boundary statistics for which there is an overall grade for those learners who have completed their programmes of study.

The data aims to assist centres seeking to benchmark their learner achievements against national rates.

The current suite of BTEC First qualifications consists of BTEC First Diplomas and BTEC First Certificates. Details of the specifications at this level can be found here: www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts.

These qualifications have equivalence on the DfE School and College Achievement and Attainment Tables (SCAAT); a BTEC First Certificate has equivalence with 2 GCSEs graded A*-C and a BTEC First Diploma has equivalence with 4 GCSEs graded A*-C.

The data is presented in two formats - a table by qualification title in percentage achievement and in a bar chart. The Level 2 BTEC Firsts have the following overall qualification grades:

- Distinction* (D*)
- Distinction (D)
- Merit (M)
- Pass (P)
- Ungraded (U). Ungraded identifies that the work has been completed but not achieved a grade; as such it is identified on the learner's Notification of Performance.

Notes

Please note that there are many factors that impact on the validity and reliability of these statistics, including:

- The data shows the percentage of completions in terms of overall qualification grade within the vocational sector into which the qualification title falls; it also shows the percentage of learner completions who failed to achieve or were ungraded at the end of their BTEC First studies.
- This data is extracted after appeals and enquiries about results (EARs) have been resolved.
- It contains the aggregated benchmarking grade boundary statistics for which there is an overall grade or grades for those learners who have completed their programmes of study on Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Firsts, which are accredited and regulated through Ofqual. The data does not include BTEC First qualifications accredited on the (unregulated) BTEC

Customised Framework. The data shows the overall grades by qualification type within defined vocational sectors.

- The data has not been moderated and is raw achievement data only.
- We regret that we are not able to break down the results against each individual title or accredited specification.
- It should be noted that there are varying patterns of delivery; for instance, a Level 2 BTEC First Diploma is commonly delivered over one year, but in many centres this qualification will be studied over two or more years and in others may be undertaken in a concentrated period of less than a year. Equally there is wide variance in the modes of study (full-time, evening class, day release, distance learning, block release).
- There is no standard length for the programme of study associated with BTEC qualifications and there are wide variations in custom and practice.
- Within the data presented there are variations in the titling protocols between qualifications accredited at different periods. Within this document all the achievements have been combined within the vocational sectors.
- These statistics are presented by broad vocational area/sector to assist centres in identifying the relevant achievements.
- Learners are registered with Edexcel for a period of up to five years and can complete at any time within this period. The achievements, therefore, may not directly relate to 2009/10, as learners may have studied over an extended period in certain cases. The results were, however, reported in 2010.
- Given the specialist nature of many BTEC qualifications, the data generated at qualification level is particularly vulnerable to misinterpretation. We draw attention of centres and other users of this data to the distinctive nature of each of the qualifications covered in this data and emphasise that the data should not be used to compare achievements across the qualification types.

Accreditation of BTEC Firsts on the QCF from September 2010

Edexcel has gained accreditation for its suite of Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Firsts onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) for first teaching from 1 September 2010. Please see here the list of accredited titles and the specifications available on the Edexcel website: <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts10/Pages/keydocs.aspx>.

Re-titling of BTEC Firsts for the QCF

In order to conform to the rules of the QCF, we have had to use revised titling conventions for our BTEC qualifications. For more information, please click here: <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts10/Pages/keydocs.aspx>.

Benchmarking Data for Level 2 BTEC Firsts - 2010-2011

We aim to produce the data for the year 2010-2011 in October 2011. This will report on the completion data for mainly NQF Level 2 BTEC Firsts but to a limited degree for completions on the QCF.

Vocational Area	Level 2 BTEC First Qualification titles	Level 2 BTEC First Certificate	Level 2 BTEC First Diploma
Applied Science (APP SCI)	Applied Science	✓	✓
Art and Design (ART)	Art and Design	✓	✓
Business (BUS)	Business	✓	✓
Construction (CONS)	Construction	✓	✓
Early Years / Children's Care (EY)	Children's Care, Learning and Development	✓	✓
Engineering (ENG)	Engineering	✓	✓
	Engineering (Electronics)		✓
	Engineering (Maintenance)		✓
	Engineering (Manufacturing)		✓
	Vehicle Technology	✓	✓
	Vehicle Technology (Maintenance and Repair)		✓
	Vehicle Technology (Motorsports)		✓
Health and Social Care (H&SC)	Health and Social Care	✓	✓
Hospitality (HOSP)	Hospitality	✓	✓
ICT (ICT)	ICT Practitioners	✓	✓
Land-based (LAND)	Agriculture	✓	✓
	Animal Care	✓	✓
	Countryside and Environment	✓	✓
	Fish Husbandry	✓	✓
	Floristry	✓	✓
	Horse Care	✓	✓
	Horticulture	✓	✓
	Land-based Technology	✓	✓
Media (MEDIA)	Media	✓	✓
Performing Arts (PA)	Music	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Acting)	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Dance)	✓	✓

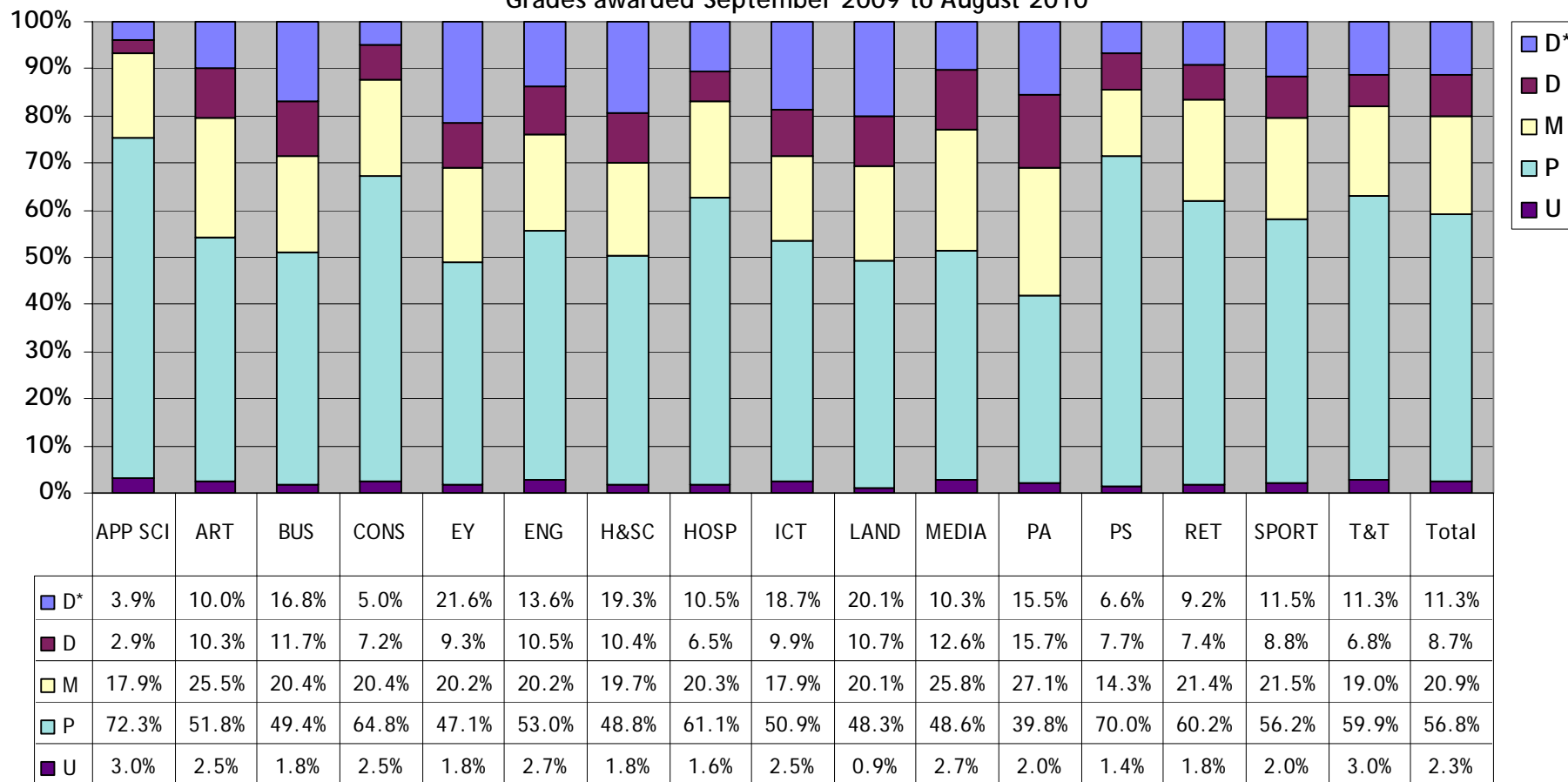
Vocational Area	Level 2 BTEC First Qualification titles	Level 2 BTEC First Certificate	Level 2 BTEC First Diploma
Performing Arts (PA)	Performing Arts (Performance)	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Production)	✓	✓
Public Services (PS)	Public Services	✓	✓
Retail (RET)	Retail	✓	✓
Sport (SPORT)	Sport	✓	
	Sport (Exercise and Fitness)		✓
	Sport (Outdoor Education)		✓
	Sport (Performance)		✓
Travel and Tourism (T&T)	Travel and Tourism	✓	✓

2009-2010 results for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates

Vocational Area	Overall qualification Grade Percentages %				
	D*	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	3.9	2.9	17.9	72.3	3.0
Art and Design	10.0	10.3	25.5	51.8	2.5
Business	16.8	11.7	20.4	49.4	1.8
Construction	5.0	7.2	20.4	64.8	2.5
Early Years / Children's Care	21.6	9.3	20.2	47.1	1.8
Engineering	13.6	10.5	20.2	53.0	2.7
Health and Social Care	19.3	10.4	19.7	48.8	1.8
Hospitality	10.5	6.5	20.3	61.1	1.6
ICT	18.7	9.9	17.9	50.9	2.5
Land-based	20.1	10.7	20.1	48.3	0.9
Media	10.3	12.6	25.8	48.6	2.7
Performing Arts	15.5	15.7	27.1	39.8	2.0
Public Services	6.6	7.7	14.3	70.0	1.4
Retail	9.2	7.4	21.4	60.2	1.8
Sport	11.5	8.8	21.5	56.2	2.0
Travel and Tourism	11.3	6.8	19.0	59.9	3.0
Average (all areas)	11.3	8.7	20.9	56.8	2.3

Level 2 BTEC First Certificates

Grades awarded September 2009 to August 2010



2009-2010 results for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diplomas

Vocational Area	Overall qualification Grade Percentages %				
	D*	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	8.2	4.3	25.7	60.8	1.1
Art and Design	16.8	9.6	31.3	41.6	0.6
Business	21.3	9.9	27.8	40.3	0.7
Construction	6.6	9.2	25.9	56.4	1.9
Early Years / Children's Care	20.6	8.0	27.9	42.6	0.8
Engineering	13.9	10.1	26.0	49.0	1.1
Health and Social Care	26.0	11.2	26.6	35.4	0.8
Hospitality	14.3	5.3	23.2	56.6	0.6
ICT	19.5	10.4	28.5	40.3	1.3
Land-based	24.7	10.0	29.3	35.5	0.5
Media	11.7	10.2	34.6	42.9	0.6
Performing Arts	22.2	13.7	33.0	30.3	0.7
Public Services	20.5	12.3	26.8	39.9	0.4
Retail	19.5	9.0	26.0	45.0	0.5
Sport	17.4	8.7	28.9	44.4	0.6
Travel and Tourism	13.3	7.6	27.4	50.5	1.2
Average (all areas)	18.0	9.7	28.5	42.9	0.8

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