

# 2010 - 2011 BENCHMARKING DATA

## Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates and Diplomas (NQF)

## Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas (QCF)

This document contains the aggregated benchmarking grade boundary statistics for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates and Diplomas (NQF) and the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas (QCF). This data relates to the completions and achievements leading to certification which took place in the academic year from September 2010 to August 2011.

This benchmarking achievement data aims to assist centres seeking a point of reference for their learner achievements against national rates. The data is presented in two formats - tables by vocational area and percentage achievement and in bar charts.

Within the BTEC Firsts, each unit is graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction. Learners are awarded an overall qualification grade by the aggregation of points gained through the successful achievement of individual units. The BTEC Firsts have the following overall qualification grades:

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

### Accreditation of BTEC Firsts

We gained accreditation for the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) suite of BTEC Level 2 Firsts - namely the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas - for first teaching from 1 September 2010. These qualifications replaced the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates and Diplomas, the majority of which were accredited on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) from 1 September 2006 until 31 August 2010, with the certification end date being 31 August 2012.

In order to conform to the rules of the QCF, we used revised titling conventions for our BTEC Firsts. The following table, taken from the specifications, explains the new titling:

<b>Predecessor BTEC Firsts (accredited 2006)</b>	<b>QCF BTEC Firsts (for delivery from September 2010)</b>
Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diploma	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diploma
Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate
Not applicable	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate

Since there is no standard length of time in which centres deliver these qualifications, this benchmarking document relates to completion data for both the NQF and QCF versions of the qualifications.

## Notes

It should be noted 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 for the vocational areas into which the qualification titles fall. 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.
- The data has not been moderated and is raw achievement data only.
- There are varying patterns of delivery; for instance a Level 2 BTEC First Certificate 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.
- There is wide variance in the modes of study (e.g. 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.
- The results are presented by qualification type and 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 2010/11, as learners may have studied over an extended period in certain cases. The results were, however, reported in 2011.
- Given the specialist nature of many BTEC qualifications, the data generated at qualification level needs careful interpretation. We draw attention of centres and other users of this document to the distinctive nature of each of the qualifications covered in the data and emphasise that the data cannot be used to compare achievements across qualification types.
- This document 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 BTEC Firsts, which are accredited and regulated through Ofqual. The data does not include BTEC First qualifications accredited on the (unregulated) BTEC Customised Framework.
- We regret that we are not able to break down the results against each individual title or accredited specification.

- 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.

### **Benchmarking data for BTEC Level 2 Firsts - 2011-2012**

We aim to produce the data for the year 2011-2012 by the end of October 2012. This will report mainly on completion data for the QCF-accredited BTEC Level 2 Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas but to a limited degree will still include completions on the NQF versions.

Vocational area	BTEC First qualification titles	First Cert (NQF)	First Diploma (NQF)	L2 Cert (QCF)	L2 Ext Cert (QCF)	L2 Diploma (QCF)
Applied Science (A 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 (Body and Paint)		✓			
	Vehicle Technology (Maintenance and Repair)		✓			
	Vehicle Technology (Motorsports)		✓			
Hair and Beauty (H&B)	Beauty Therapy Services				✓	
Health and Social Care (H&SC)	Health and Social Care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hospitality (HOSP)	Hospitality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ICT (ICT)	ICT Practitioners	✓	✓			
	IT			✓	✓	✓
Land-based (LAND)	Agriculture	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Animal Care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Blacksmithing and Metalworking					✓
	Countryside and Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Fish Husbandry	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Floristry		✓		✓	✓
	Horse Care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Horticulture	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Land-based Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

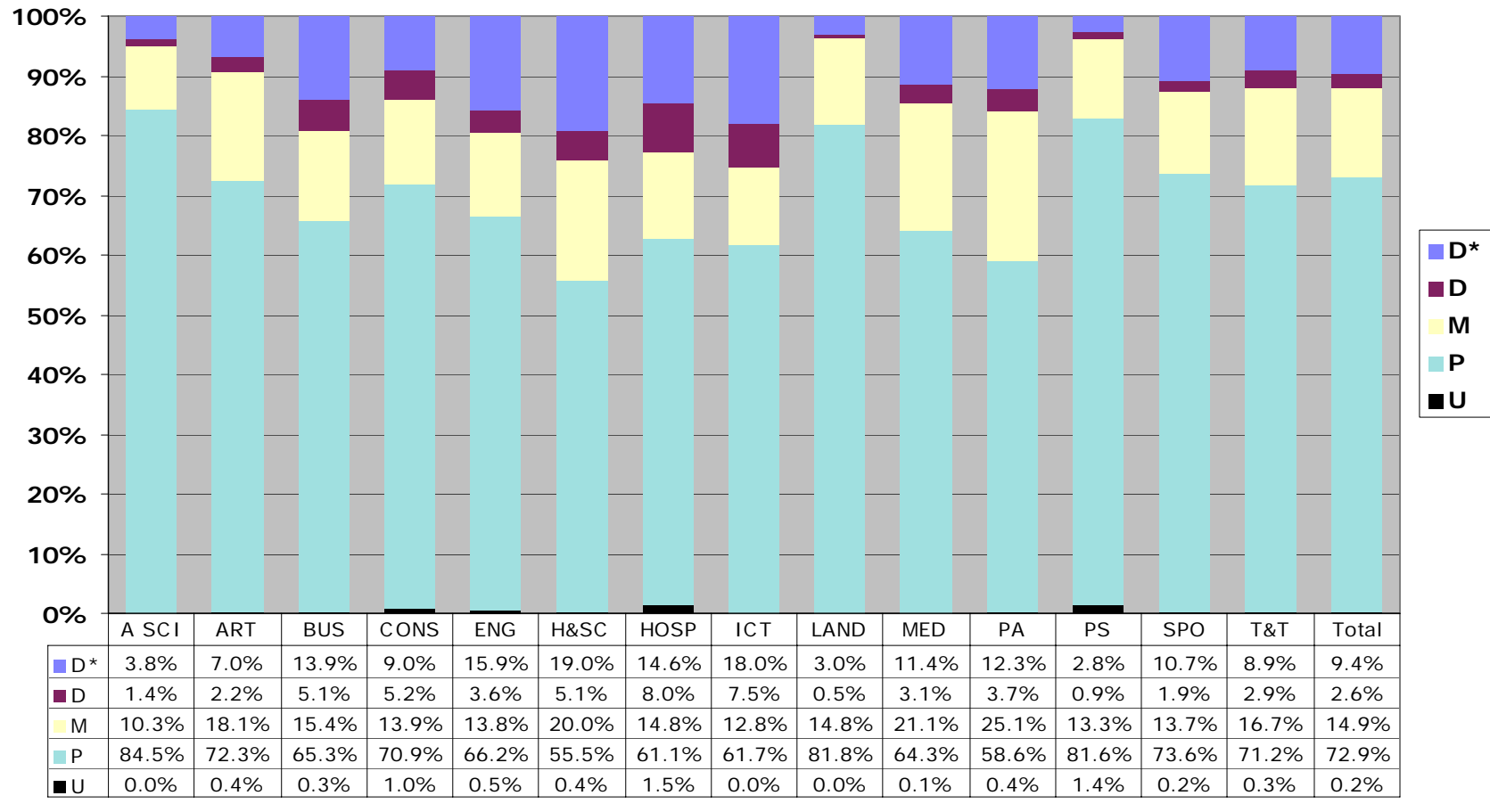
Vocational area	BTEC First qualification titles	First Cert (NQF)	First Diploma (NQF)	L2 Cert (QCF)	L2 Ext Cert (QCF)	L2 Diploma (QCF)
Media (MED)	Creative Media Production			✓	✓	✓
	Media	✓	✓			
Performing Arts (PA)	Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Acting)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Dance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Performance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Production)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public Services (PS)	Public Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Retail (RET)	Retail	✓	✓			
Sport (SPO)	Sport	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Sport (Exercise and Fitness)		✓			
	Sport (Outdoor Education)		✓			
	Sport (Performance)		✓			
Travel and Tourism (T&T)	Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### 2010-2011 results for the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificates (QCF)

Vocational area	Overall qualification grade percentages %				
	D*	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	3.8	1.4	10.3	84.5	0.0
Art and Design	7.0	2.2	18.1	72.3	0.4
Business	13.9	5.1	15.4	65.3	0.3
Construction	9.0	5.2	13.9	70.9	1.0
Engineering	15.9	3.6	13.8	66.2	0.5
Health and Social Care	19.0	5.1	20.0	55.5	0.4
Hospitality	14.6	8.0	14.8	61.1	1.5
ICT	18.0	7.5	12.8	61.7	0.0
Land-based	3.0	0.5	14.8	81.8	0.0
Media	11.4	3.1	21.1	64.3	0.1
Performing Arts	12.3	3.7	25.1	58.6	0.4
Public Services	2.8	0.9	13.3	81.6	1.4
Sport	10.7	1.9	13.7	73.6	0.2
Travel and Tourism	8.9	2.9	16.7	71.2	0.3
<b>Average (all areas)</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>

## BTEC Level 2 Certificates

### Grades awarded September 2010 to August 2011

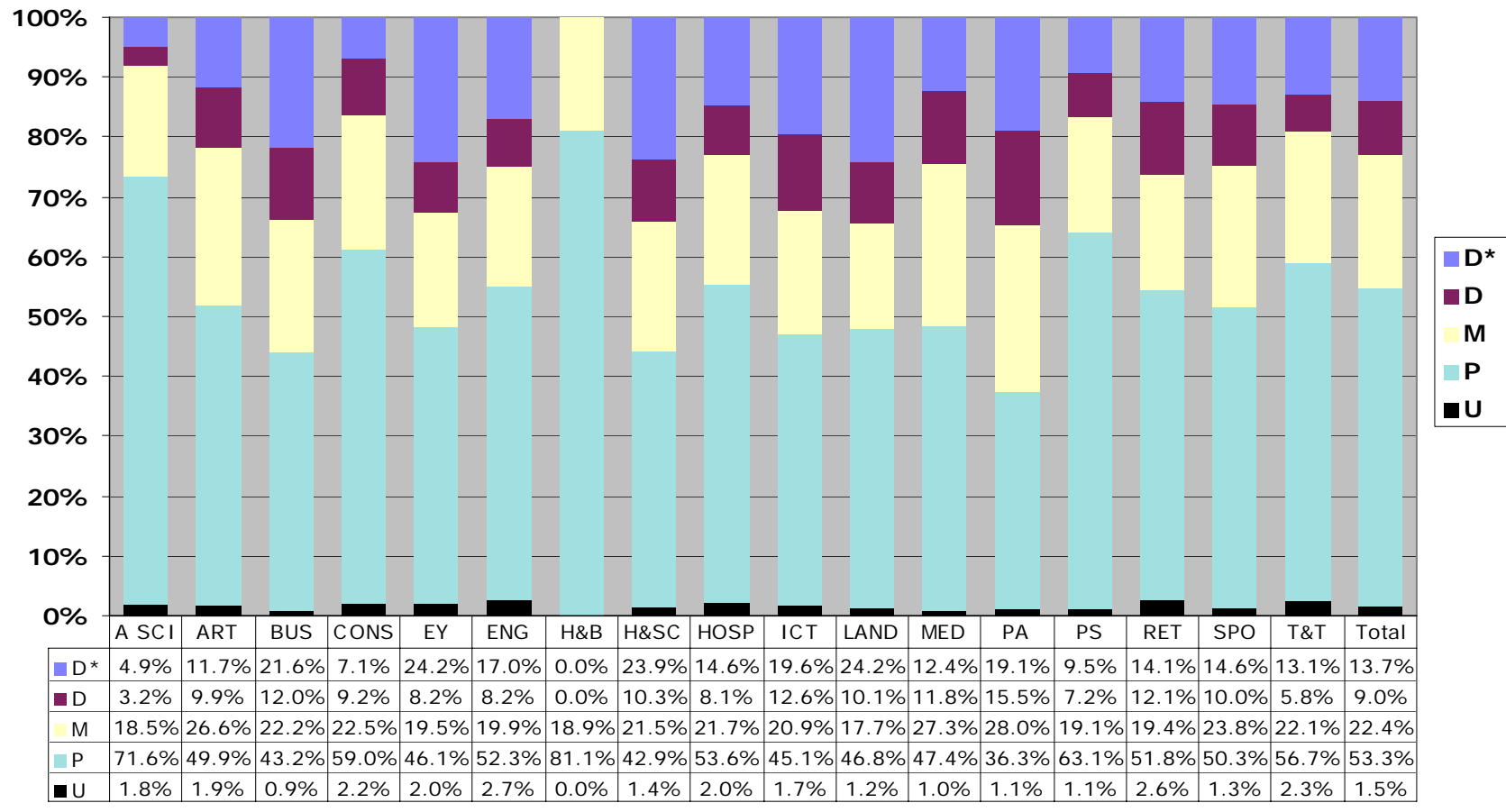


**2010-2011 results for  
the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificates (NQF) and the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificates (QCF)**

Vocational area	Overall qualification grade percentages %				
	D*	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	4.9	3.2	18.5	71.6	1.8
Art and Design	11.7	9.9	26.6	49.9	1.9
Business	21.6	12.0	22.2	43.2	0.9
Construction	7.1	9.2	22.5	59.0	2.2
Early Years / Children's Care	24.2	8.2	19.5	46.1	2.0
Engineering	17.0	8.2	19.9	52.3	2.7
Hair and Beauty	0.0	0.0	18.9	81.1	0.0
Health and Social Care	23.9	10.3	21.5	42.9	1.4
Hospitality	14.6	8.1	21.7	53.6	2.0
ICT	19.6	12.6	20.9	45.1	1.7
Land-based	24.2	10.1	17.7	46.8	1.2
Media	12.4	11.8	27.3	47.4	1.0
Performing Arts	19.1	15.5	28.0	36.3	1.1
Public Services	9.5	7.2	19.1	63.1	1.1
Retail	14.1	12.1	19.4	51.8	2.6
Sport	14.6	10.0	23.8	50.3	1.3
Travel and Tourism	13.1	5.8	22.1	56.7	2.3
<b>Average (all areas)</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>

## BTEC First Certificates / BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificates

Grades awarded September 2010 to August 2011



**2010-2011 results for  
the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diplomas (NQF) and the Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diplomas (QCF)**

Vocational area	Overall qualification grade percentages %				
	D*	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	9.1	4.8	25.7	59.9	0.5
Art and Design	16.1	9.7	31.4	42.3	0.4
Business	22.6	9.8	26.4	41.0	0.2
Construction	7.3	7.4	27.5	56.9	0.9
Early Years / Children's Care	21.8	9.0	25.2	43.8	0.2
Engineering	15.9	10.8	26.5	46.5	0.4
Health and Social Care	27.5	11.6	26.8	33.7	0.4
Hospitality	22.9	5.6	21.7	49.1	0.6
ICT	22.6	10.3	25.8	40.9	0.4
Land-based	27.9	8.9	25.0	38.0	0.2
Media	11.9	9.6	36.3	41.7	0.5
Performing Arts	23.1	14.6	32.6	29.3	0.4
Public Services	19.5	11.3	27.4	41.5	0.2
Retail	21.0	7.6	21.7	48.7	0.9
Sport	19.5	8.7	28.0	43.3	0.4
Travel and Tourism	13.7	8.8	24.9	52.3	0.4
<b>Average (all areas)</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>

## BTEC First Diplomas / BTEC Level 2 Diplomas

Grades awarded September 2010 to August 2011

