

2008 - 2009 BENCHMARKING DATA

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Awards, Certificates and Diplomas

This document relates to the completions and achievements leading to certification in the academic year from September 2008 to August 2009 for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Awards, Certificates and Diplomas. 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.

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

The suite of BTEC National qualifications was updated and re-accredited from September 2007, and new specifications were applicable for all learners registered after that date. Please note that some of the results shown here are on the pre-2007 specifications. Details of the specifications at this level can be found here: www.edexcel.com/quals/nat.

These qualifications have equivalence on the DCSF School and College Achievement and Attainment Tables (SCAAT); a BTEC National Award has equivalence with 1 GCE A Level, a BTEC National Certificate has equivalence with 2 GCE A Levels and a BTEC National Diploma has the equivalence with 3 GCE A Levels.

BTEC Nationals are also used to gain entry to university courses through the UCAS Tariff; for more details, see here: http://www.edexcel.com/migrationdocuments/Family%20top%20level/ucas_tariff.pdf.

The data is presented in two formats, namely, in a table by qualification title in percentage achievement and in a bar chart. The BTEC Nationals have the following overall qualification grades:

A BTEC National Award has one overall grade of:

- 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.

A BTEC National Certificate has two overall grades of:

- Distinction Distinction (DD)
- Distinction Merit (DM)
- Merit Merit (MM)
- Merit Pass (MP)
- Pass Pass (PP)
- Ungraded (U). Ungraded identifies that the work has been completed but not achieved a

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grade; as such it is identified on the learner's Notification of Performance.

A BTEC National Diploma has three overall grades of:

- Distinction Distinction Distinction (DDD)
- Distinction Distinction Merit (DDM)
- Distinction Merit Merit (DMM)
- Merit Merit Merit (MMM)
- Merit Merit Pass (MMP)
- Merit Pass Pass (MPP)
- Pass Pass Pass (PPP)
- 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

It should be noted that there are many factors that impact on the validity and reliability of these statistics, including:

- This is raw achievement data only and has not been moderated.
- We regret that we are not able to break down the results against each individual title or accredited specification.
- There are varying patterns of delivery; for instance, a BTEC National 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 (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 2008/9, as learners may have studied over an elongated period in certain cases. The results were, however, reported in 2009.
- 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 Nationals

Edexcel is seeking accreditation onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) for its suite of Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Nationals for first teaching from 1 September 2010. A number of titles have already been accredited, and specifications are available on the website.

To see the latest accreditation information, please click here:
<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/nationals10/Pages/keydocs.aspx>.

Specifications and other information on the new BTEC Level 3 Nationals can be found within the following area of the website: www.edexcel.com/quals/nationals10.

Re-titling of BTEC Firsts

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/nationals10/Pages/keydocs.aspx>.

Vocational areas	BTEC National qualification titles	BTEC National Award	BTEC National Certificate	BTEC National Diploma
Applied Science	Applied Science (Applied Biology)	✓		
	Applied Science (Applied Chemistry)	✓		
	Applied Science (Applied Physics)	✓		
	Applied Science (Environmental Science)	✓		
	Applied Science (Forensic Science)	✓	✓	✓
	Applied Science (Laboratory and Industrial Science)		✓	✓
	Applied Science (Medical Science)	✓	✓	✓
	Dental Technology	✓		✓
	Food Science and Manufacturing Technology	✓	✓	
	Pharmacy Services		✓	
Art and Design	3D Design		✓	✓
	Art and Design	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (3D Design)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Design Crafts)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Fashion and Clothing)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Fine Art)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Graphic Design)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Interactive Media)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Photography)	✓	✓	✓
	Art and Design (Textiles)	✓	✓	✓
	Design		✓	✓
	Design Crafts			✓
	Fashion and Clothing			✓
	Fine Art		✓	✓
	Graphic Design		✓	✓
Photography		✓	✓	

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Art and Design	Textiles		✓	✓
Business	Applied Law	✓		
	Business	✓	✓	✓
	Business (Administration)		✓	
	Business (e-Business Software)		✓	✓
	Business (e-Business Strategy)		✓	✓
	Business (Finance)		✓	✓
	Business (Finance and Management)			✓
	Business (Human Resources)		✓	✓
	Business (Human Resources and e-Business Strategy)			✓
	Business (Law)		✓	✓
	Business (Management)		✓	✓
	Business (Marketing)		✓	✓
	Business (Marketing and Human Resources)			✓
	Business (Marketing and Law)			✓
	Business (Marketing and Management)			✓
	E-business			✓
	E-business (Applied)	✓		
	Personal and Business Finance	✓		
Construction	Building Services Engineering		✓	✓
	Civil Engineering		✓	✓
	Construction	✓	✓	✓
Early Years / Children's Care	Children's Care, Learning and Development	✓	✓	✓
	Early Years	✓	✓	✓
Engineering	Aerospace Engineering		✓	✓
	Aerospace Engineering (Mechanical)		✓	✓
	Communications Technology	✓	✓	✓

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Engineering	Electrical/Electronic Engineering		✓	✓
	Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Electrical)		✓	
	Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Electronic)		✓	✓
	Engineering	✓	✓	✓
	Manufacturing Engineering		✓	✓
	Manufacturing Engineering (Mechanical)		✓	✓
	Manufacturing Engineering (Metallurgy)		✓	
	Mechanical Engineering		✓	✓
	Operations and Maintenance Engineering		✓	✓
	Operations and Maintenance Engineering (Process)		✓	✓
	Telecommunications		✓	✓
	Vehicle Repair and Technology		✓	✓
	Vehicle Repair and Technology (Heavy Vehicle)		✓	
	Vehicle Repair and Technology (Light Vehicle)		✓	✓
	Vehicle Technology	✓	✓	✓
	Vehicle Technology (Motorsports)	✓	✓	✓
Hair and Beauty	Beauty Therapy Sciences	✓	✓	✓
	Hairdressing		✓	
Health and Social Care	Care		✓	✓
	Health and Social Care	✓	✓	✓
	Health and Social Care (Health Sciences)		✓	✓
	Health and Social Care (Health Studies)		✓	✓
	Health and Social Care (Social Care)		✓	✓
	Health Studies		✓	✓
Hospitality	Hospitality	✓	✓	✓
	Hospitality Supervision		✓	✓
IT	IT Practitioners	✓		

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IT	IT Practitioners (General)	✓	✓	✓
	IT Practitioners (ICT Systems Support)	✓	✓	✓
	IT Practitioners (IT and Business)		✓	✓
	IT Practitioners (Networking)		✓	✓
	IT Practitioners (Software Development)	✓	✓	✓
	IT Practitioners (Systems Support)		✓	✓
Land-based	Agriculture	✓	✓	✓
	Animal Management	✓	✓	✓
	Animal Management (Animal Rehabilitation)	✓		
	Animal Management (Care)		✓	
	Animal Management (Exotics)	✓		
	Animal Management (Kennel and Cattery Management)	✓		
	Blacksmithing and Metalworking	✓	✓	
	Countryside Management	✓	✓	✓
	Countryside Management (Game Management)			✓
	Countryside Management (Habitat Conservation)			✓
	Fish Management	✓	✓	✓
	Fish Management (Sport Fisheries)			✓
	Floristry	✓	✓	✓
	Floristry (Design)	✓		
	Forestry and Arboriculture	✓	✓	✓
	Forestry and Arboriculture (Arboriculture)			✓
	Horse Management	✓	✓	✓
	Horse Management (Equine Business Management)	✓		
	Horse Management (Equitation)	✓		✓
	Horticulture	✓	✓	✓
Horticulture (Design)	✓			

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Land-based	Horticulture (Garden Design)			✓
	Horticulture (Organic)	✓		
	Horticulture (Sports Turf)	✓		✓
	Land-based Technology	✓	✓	✓
	Land-based Technology (Technical)			✓
Media	Media (Audio)			✓
	Media (Digital)	✓		
	Media (E-media)			✓
	Media (E-media Production)		✓	
	Media (Games Development)		✓	✓
	Media (Moving Image)			✓
	Media (Moving Image Production)		✓	
	Media (Print)	✓		
	Media (Print Production)		✓	
	Media (Publishing)			✓
	Media (Radio)	✓		
	Media (Video)	✓		
	Media Production		✓	✓
	Media Production (Games Development)	✓	✓	✓
	Media Production (Interactive Media)	✓	✓	✓
	Media Production (Print-based Media)	✓	✓	✓
	Media Production (Radio)	✓	✓	✓
	Media Production (Sound Recording)	✓		
	Media Production (Television and Film)	✓	✓	✓
	Multimedia		✓	✓
Performing Arts	Music		✓	✓
	Music (Composing)	✓		

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Performing Arts	Music (Performing)	✓			
	Music Practice		✓	✓	
	Music Practice (Composing)	✓			
	Music Practice (Performing)	✓			
	Music Technology		✓	✓	
	Music Technology (Acoustics)	✓			
	Music Technology (DJ Technology)	✓			
	Music Technology (Music for Media)	✓			
	Music Technology (Recording)	✓			
	Performing Arts			✓	✓
	Performing Arts (Acting)	✓	✓	✓	
	Performing Arts (Dance)	✓	✓	✓	
	Performing Arts (Design)			✓	
	Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)	✓	✓	✓	
	Performing Arts (Performance)		✓	✓	
	Performing Arts (Production)			✓	
	Performing Arts (Physical Theatre)	✓			
	Performing Arts (Stage Design)	✓			
	Performing Arts (Technical)			✓	
	Production Arts			✓	✓
	Production Arts (Arts Management)	✓			
	Production Arts (Costume)	✓			
	Production Arts (Design)			✓	✓
	Production Arts (Makeup)	✓	✓		
	Production Arts (Set Design and Construction)	✓			
	Production Arts (Stage Management)	✓			
	Production Arts (Technical)			✓	✓

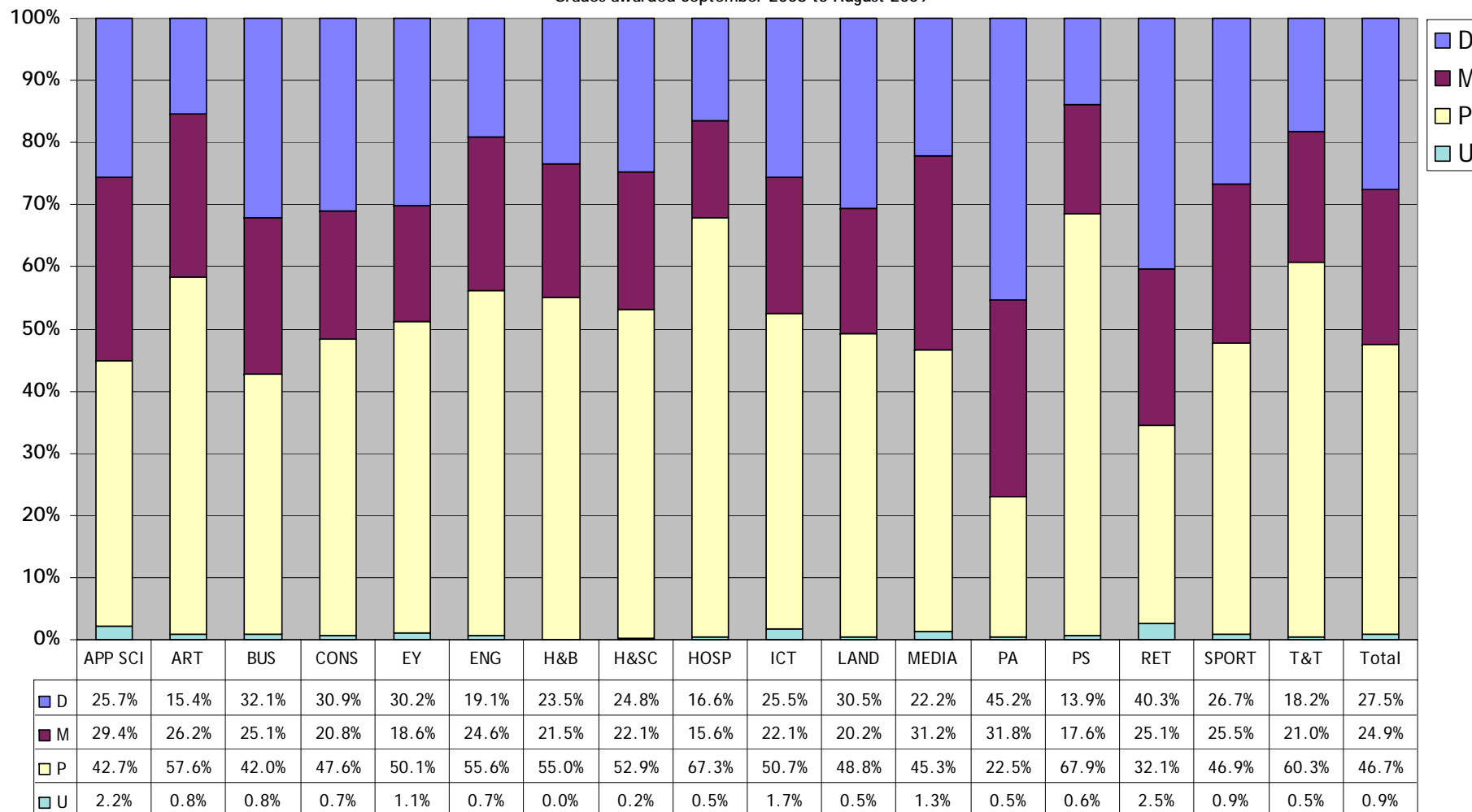
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Performing Arts	Production Arts (Theatre Technology)	✓		
Public Services	Central and Local Government	✓		
	Public Services (Uniformed)	✓	✓	✓
	Uniformed Public Services	✓	✓	✓
Sport	Sport	✓		
	Sport and Exercise Sciences	✓	✓	✓
	Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness)		✓	✓
	Sport (Outdoor Adventure)		✓	✓
	Sport (Outdoor Education)	✓	✓	✓
	Sport (Performance and Excellence)	✓	✓	✓
	Sport (Sports Development and Fitness)	✓	✓	✓
Travel and Tourism	Airline and Airport Operations	✓	✓	
	Aviation Operations	✓	✓	✓
	Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	✓

2008-2009 results for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Awards

Vocational Area	Overall qualification Grade Percentages %			
	D	M	P	U
Applied Science	25.7	29.4	42.7	2.2
Art and Design	15.4	26.2	57.6	0.8
Business	32.1	25.1	42.0	0.8
Construction	30.9	20.8	47.6	0.7
Early Years / Children's Care	30.2	18.6	50.1	1.1
Engineering	19.1	24.6	55.6	0.7
Hair and Beauty	23.5	21.5	55.0	0
Health and Social Care	24.8	22.1	52.9	0.2
Hospitality	16.6	15.6	67.3	0.5
IT	25.5	22.1	50.7	1.7
Land-based	30.5	20.2	48.8	0.5
Media	22.2	31.2	45.3	1.3
Performing Arts	45.2	31.8	22.5	0.5
Public Services	13.9	17.6	67.9	0.6
Retail	40.3	25.1	32.1	2.5
Sport	26.7	25.5	46.9	0.9
Travel and Tourism	18.2	21.0	60.3	0.5
Average (all areas)	27.5	24.9	46.7	0.9

BTEC National Awards

Grades awarded September 2008 to August 2009

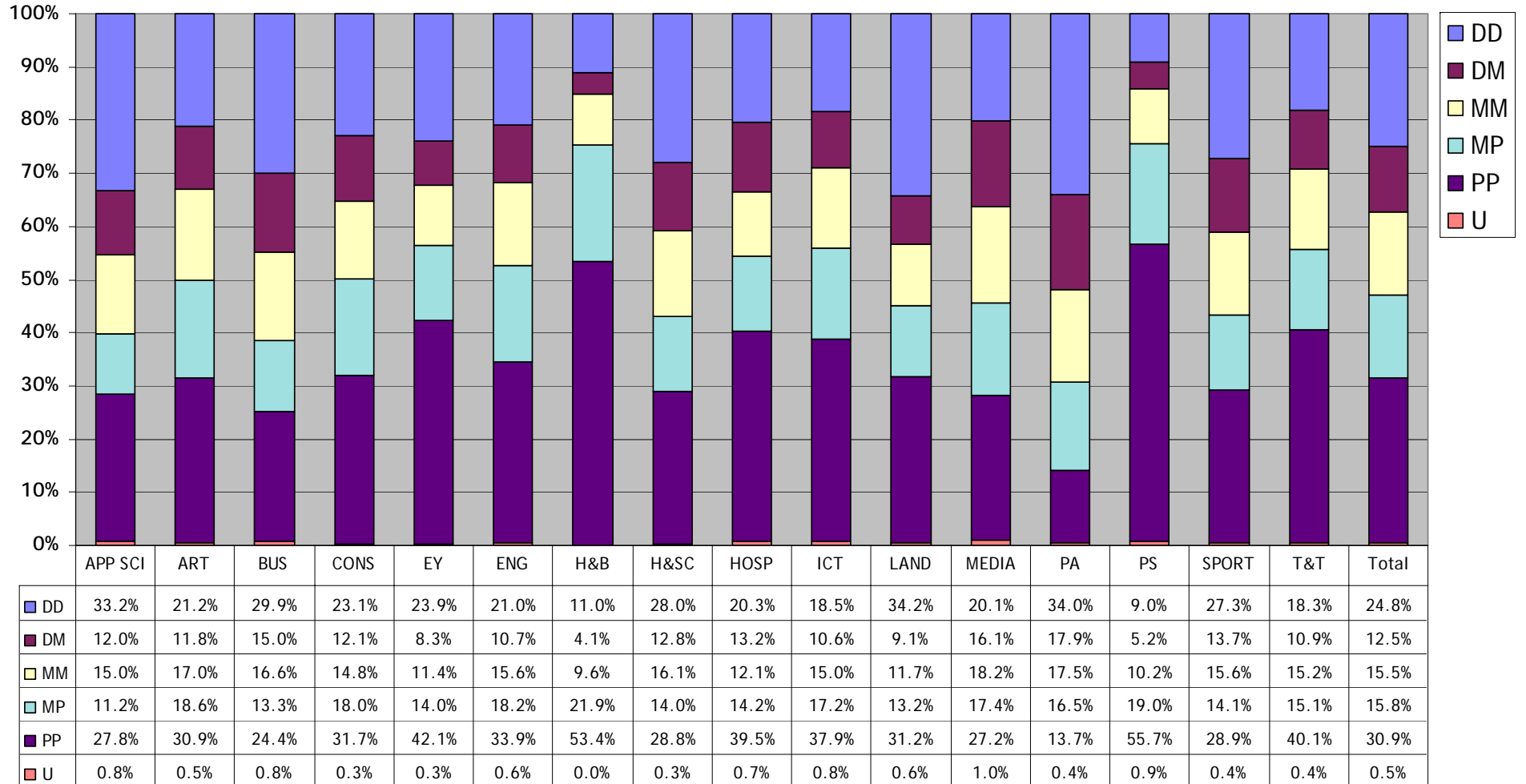


2008-2009 results for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificates

Vocational Area	Overall qualification Grade Percentages %					
	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
Applied Science	33.2	12.0	15.0	11.2	27.8	0.8
Art and Design	21.2	11.8	17.0	18.6	30.9	0.5
Business	29.9	15.0	16.6	13.3	24.4	0.8
Construction	23.1	12.1	14.8	18.0	31.7	0.3
Early Years / Children's Care	23.9	8.3	11.4	14.0	42.1	0.3
Engineering	21.0	10.7	15.6	18.2	33.9	0.6
Hair and Beauty	11.0	4.1	9.6	21.9	53.4	0
Health and Social Care	28.0	12.8	16.1	14.0	28.8	0.3
Hospitality	20.3	13.2	12.1	14.2	39.5	0.7
IT	18.5	10.6	15.0	17.2	37.9	0.8
Land-based	34.2	9.1	11.7	13.2	31.2	0.6
Media	20.1	16.1	18.2	17.4	27.2	1.0
Performing Arts	34.0	17.9	17.5	16.5	13.7	0.4
Public Services	9.0	5.2	10.2	19.0	55.7	0.9
Sport	27.3	13.7	15.6	14.1	28.9	0.4
Travel and Tourism	18.3	10.9	15.2	15.1	40.1	0.4
Average (all areas)	24.8	12.5	15.5	15.8	30.9	0.5

BTEC National Certificates

Grades awarded September 2008 to August 2009



2008-2009 results for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diplomas

Vocational Area	Overall qualification Grade Percentages %							
	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
Applied Science	27.5	10.1	11.5	15.3	10.5	9.6	15.1	0.4
Art and Design	23.3	11.6	13.7	15.4	13.7	11.2	11.0	0.1
Business	30.7	10.9	12.2	12.3	9.7	10.3	13.7	0.2
Construction	27.3	10.3	10.9	12.4	9.6	12.5	16.1	0.9
Early Years / Children's Care	30.4	8.1	10.1	9.3	9.2	10.4	22.4	0.1
Engineering	21.2	10.0	10.1	13.2	12.2	13.9	18.9	0.5
Hair and Beauty	19.7	4.5	10.4	10.5	9.8	16.2	28.3	0.6
Health and Social Care	34.3	10.8	10.4	11.3	9.5	9.1	14.2	0.4
Hospitality	21.5	6.4	9.8	6.9	13.0	13.8	28.6	0
IT	23.5	9.1	11.7	13.8	11.5	11.9	18.2	0.3
Land-based	30.5	7.9	9.8	10.6	9.6	11.7	19.7	0.2
Media	16.3	11.9	14.8	18.2	13.7	13.9	10.7	0.5
Performing Arts	35.6	14.7	15.3	13.3	10.1	7.1	3.7	0.2
Public Services	21.8	6.3	8.2	10.9	10.7	14.3	27.6	0.2
Sport	27.4	9.4	12.0	12.5	10.3	11.0	17.0	0.4
Travel and Tourism	16.9	7.1	7.5	12.9	11.9	13.2	30.2	0.3
Average (all areas)	26.9	10.4	12.1	13.2	11.1	11.0	15.0	0.3

BTEC National Diplomas

Grades awarded September 2008 to August 2009

