

BTEC FAQs

1. What is BTEC?

BTEC stands for Business & Technology Education Council and was established in 1984.

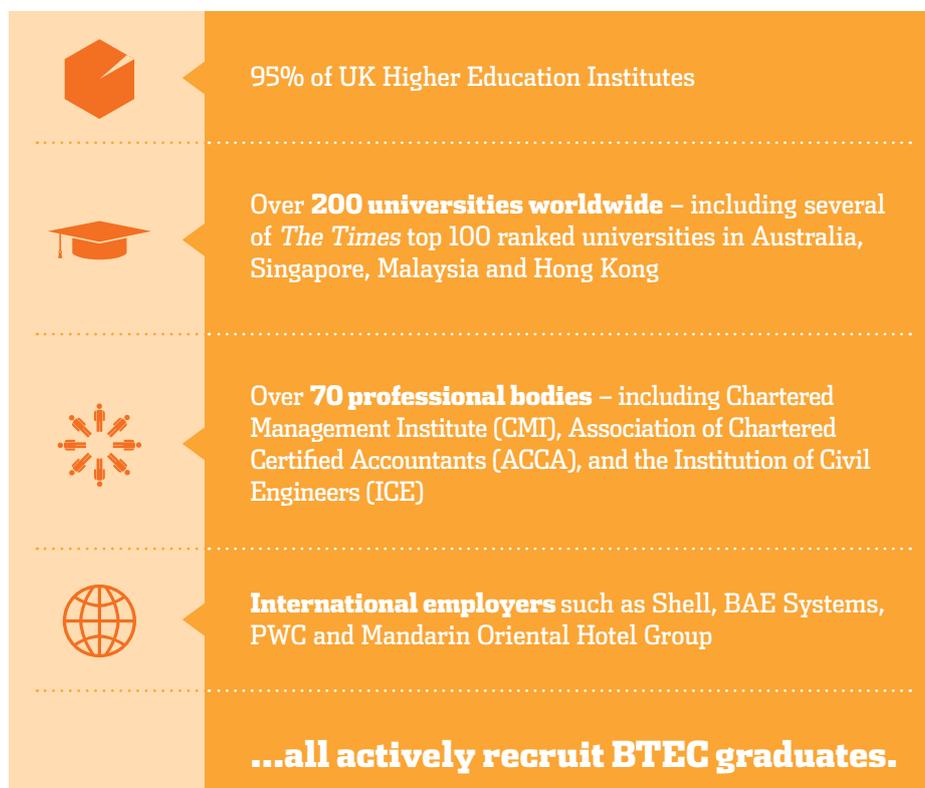
BTEC is a suite of international qualifications taught across the globe by leading educational institutes. Learners who undertake a BTEC qualification develop a blend of in-depth knowledge and important skills specific to a vocational sector such as IT, Business, Hospitality and Engineering

2. Why should I take a BTEC qualification?

There is a growing gap between what employers want, and the abilities of school leavers and graduates. BTEC offers a solution. The content of the course is based on real employer needs, and students are assessed via the innovative BTEC assignment process, which gets students to complete tasks that reflect real industry challenges. The BTEC is shaped to be relevant to your local environment and is taught by professionals with experience and contacts within the relevant industry.

In 2009/2010 alone, over 1 million learners worldwide registered to take a BTEC qualification.

3. Where is BTEC recognised?



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-  95% of UK Higher Education Institutes
-  Over **200 universities worldwide** – including several of *The Times* top 100 ranked universities in Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong
-  Over **70 professional bodies** – including Chartered Management Institute (CMI), Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), and the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
-  **International employers** such as Shell, BAE Systems, PWC and Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

...all actively recruit BTEC graduates.

Pearson has a dedicated team who work with a wide range of universities, employers and professional bodies to guarantee progression routes internationally for BTEC graduates.

4. What's the pathway to getting a university degree?

The BTEC level 5 HND is widely recognised as equivalent to one or two years of university education. Everything you learn and achieve can count towards an undergraduate degree and the majority of BTEC graduates are fast-tracked to the second or third year of a degree course at a wide range of leading universities worldwide.

5. How do BTEC HNDs compare to A Level equivalent?

- Distinction* (D*) grade equivalent to A Level A grade (270 points)
- Distinction (D) grade equivalent to A Level grade between B and C (225 points)
- Merit grade equivalent to A level grade between C and D (195 points)
- Pass grade equivalent to A level grade between D and E (165 points)

Each university has a different entry requirement depending on the course subject – so graduates should check their preferred university entry requirements to ensure that their grades reflect the points required.

6. What's the learner experience?

Alexandros Pamnani, 20, from Croydon, decided to undertake a BTEC National Diploma in Vehicle Technology and Mechanical Engineering at Croydon College after realising that A levels didn't provide the specialist knowledge he needed for a career in business management in the engineering sector. Alexandros achieved two triple distinctions, allowing him to win a place at Loughborough University where he is now in the first year of his Engineering undergraduate degree.



"Achieving my BTEC has enabled me to progress to a top university to study for a sought-after degree. Through a combination of academic and practical learning, BTECs give people the skills they need to progress to employment and higher education. The qualification armed me with in-depth knowledge and real-life scenarios that I will be able to apply to the world of work."



Where can I find more information?

Contact your regional representative for more information or visit our website at uk.pearson.com/TEACHBTEC

Creating success stories

Real skills for the real world

Whatever you want to do,
do it with BTEC



Vit Horky: BTEC level 5 Higher National Diploma in Business



Vit's story:

After finishing his HND in Business, Vit went on to complete his BA (Hons) International Management degree at Prague College.

What's he doing now?

Vit is the founder and Managing Director of Brand Embassy, a software company with offices in London and Prague.

How did the BTEC shape his future?

He applied the practical skills and knowledge that he gained in the BTEC to set up an international business within 5 years of completing his studies.

Lenora Caton: BTEC level 3 National Extended Diploma in International Business Studies



Lenora's story:

After graduating with her BTEC, Lenora followed her dream to study in England to undertake a BA in Marketing at Lincoln University. She then successfully completed an MSc in Branding at The University of East Anglia.

What is she doing now?

Lenora is currently working in the mobile marketing sector as an Account Executive.

How did BTEC shape her future?

"Completing my BTEC has helped me to gain far more than just an education. It was the starting point of something much bigger. It's a world-class study where the only limit is down to your own imagination and determination."

Choose a BTEC and write your own success story...

By choosing BTEC, you will:

- benefit from a flexible course structure, that blends subject theory with practical application
- develop the skills and knowledge needed for success in a 21st century global business environment
- gain an internationally recognised qualification that is accepted by leading universities and employers across the world

For more information about BTEC qualifications please contact:

"I find that students with BTECs are independent learners, they find it easy to adapt to university life and have a more mature outlook. Because BTEC courses are aimed directly at industry they also have a clearer understanding of how their study relates to jobs."

Mark Wallman, Course Leader and Senior Lecturer for Visual Effects, University of Hertfordshire, UK



Do you dream of:

-  studying abroad?
-  setting up a company in your home country?
-  a fantastic career in a multinational organisation?

Look inside to see where BTEC could take you...

Pearson's BTEC qualifications are recognised by leading universities, professional bodies and international employers. So whatever your career aspirations, BTEC can help you achieve them.



"I think all students should have the chance to do at least one BTEC just to help them gain the skills needed for the 21st Century."

Sandra Carter, Cambridge International School, Dubai

Giving you flexible options...

BTEC qualifications are perfect for students who know what career they want and for those who are still developing their goals. Our progression options and broad range of subjects can take you as far as you want to go.

