

Introduction

BTEC Public Services includes one externally assessed unit which is a 1 hour examination. This will assist learners as they progress either into higher levels of vocational learning or to related academic qualifications by providing underpinning knowledge of the structure, statutory responsibilities, funding, and legislation surrounding the public services alongside the portfolio-based assessment. It will also assist learners in developing a range of transferable skills, and in applying their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts. The remaining units are internally assessed. Learners develop a wider range of skills and provide evidence towards meeting the unit assessment criteria. Evidence for assessment can be generated through a range of activities, including role play, practical performance and verbal presentations.

This qualification is taught over 120 guided learning hours (GLH). It has core and optional specialist units. These units will include:

- two core units (totalling 60 GLH) worth **50% of final grade**
21484F - Role & Work of Public Services(25% externally marked examination)
21486F Working Skills in Public Services(25% internally marked coursework)
- two optional specialist units (totalling 60 GLH). Worth **50% of final grade**
21488F Employment in Public Services(25% internally marked coursework)
21492F - Health, Fitness and Lifestyle(25% internally marked coursework)

This BTEC First Award has units that your centre assesses (internal) and a paper-based exam that Pearson sets and marks (external).

Summary of internal assessment

For the Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First qualifications, the majority of the units are assessed through internal assessment, which means that you can deliver the programme in a way that suits your learners and relates to local need. The way in which you deliver the programme must also ensure that assessment is fair and that standards are nationally consistent over time.

To achieve this, it is important that you:

- plan the assessment of units to fit with delivery, allowing for the linkages between units
- write suitable assessments (for example, assignments, projects or case studies) or select assessments from available resources, adapting them as necessary
- plan the assessment for each unit in terms of when it will be authorised by the Lead Internal Verifier, when it will be used and assessed, and how long it will take, and how you will determine that learners are ready to begin an assessment
- ensure each assessment is fit for purpose, valid, will deliver reliable assessment outcomes across assessors, and is authorised before use
- provide all the preparation, feedback and support that learners need to undertake an assessment before they begin producing their evidence
- make careful and consistent assessment decisions based only on the defined assessment criteria and unit requirements
- validate and record assessment decisions carefully and completely
- work closely with Pearson to ensure that your implementation, delivery and assessment is consistent with national standards.

Externally assessed units have the same grades as internally assessed units:

- Level 2 – Pass, Merit, Distinction
- Level 1

- Unclassified.

BTEC Public Services will assess pupils in line with the school and WJEC Assessment Points but this data is unlikely to have any bearing on final grades as coursework will still be internally assessed, and moderated by an external standards verifier in line with BTEC Assessment protocol. Assessment points 1-6 will reflect current performance of pupils based on progress and tests. Final grade for this subject will be achieved through internally and externally marked units of work. Grades for BTEC Public Services will not be derived from WJEC CDG system.

Sources of evidence for Assessment points in Public Services

Assessment point 1 = Performance on mini assessment test

Assessment point 2 = Performance on mini assessment test

Assessment point 3 = Performance on mini assessment test

Assessment point 4 = Overall Grade based on Grades acquired from Units 1 & 2

Assessment point 5 = Based on Grades acquired from Units 1 & 2 plus performance online lessons

Assessment point 6 = Overall Grade based on Grades acquired from Units 1 & 2 Performance on Unit 3

Due to the impact of Covid 19, Edexcel/Pearson have reduced the syllabus of the course by 25%(removed 1 optional unit of work)

This qualification is taught over 90 guided learning hours (GLH). It has core and 1 optional specialist unit.

These units will be:

- two core units (totalling 60 GLH)

21484F - Role & Work of Public Services(externally marked examination)

21486F Working Skills in Public Services(internally marked coursework)

- two optional specialist units (totalling 60 GLH).

21488F Employment in Public Services(25% internally marked coursework)

Final weighting of each unit has not yet been released by the examination board