

Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Sport

The new BTEC Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport is a vocational qualification from Pearson and is an equivalent to 1 GCSE graded 1-9.

Structure

3x Components:

1. 'Preparing Participants to Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity' – Worth 30% of Overall Grade.
2. 'Taking Part and Improving Other Participants Sporting Performance' – Worth 30% of Overall Grade.
3. 'Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants Performance in Sport and Physical Activity' – Worth 40% of Overall Grade.

The three interrelated components focus on the assessment of applied knowledge, skills and practices. These are all essential to developing a basis for progression and therefore, learners need to achieve all components in order to achieve the qualification.

How will it be taught and assessed?

Components 1 and 2 are assessed through non-exam internal assessment (coursework). The non-exam internal assessment for these components has been designed to demonstrate application of the conceptual knowledge underpinning the sector through realistic tasks and activities. This style of assessment promotes deep learning through ensuring the connection between knowledge and practice. The components focus on:

- The different types of physical activity and providers, the needs of participants, barriers to participation and ways to overcome these barriers. Equipment and technology required to take part in sport is also included. Learners will also develop an applied understanding of physiology and anatomy as they learn how to plan and deliver a warm up to prepare participants to take part in sport and physical activity.
- The components of fitness and how they are used in different types of sport; practical participation in sport and the rules and regulations in sport and ways to improve other participants' sporting performance through planning and delivery of sports drills and conditioned practices.

Non-exam internal assessment (coursework) is delivered through Pearson-set assignments. These assignments are set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson.

The new BTEC Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport is for learners who want to acquire sector-specific skills through vocational contexts. The qualification recognises the value of learning skills, knowledge and vocational attributes that will complement GCSE studies and real life experiences.

Component 3 is the main synoptic assessment for the qualification as it builds directly on from Components 1 and 2. It is externally assessed (exam) and requires learners to use theoretical knowledge and understanding of applied anatomy and physiology, movement analysis and physical training so that they can use this knowledge to analyse and evaluate performance and devise informed strategies for improving/optimising their own practical performance. The design of this external assessment ensures that there is sufficient stretch and challenge, enabling the assessment of knowledge and understanding at the end of the learning period. The external assessment is based on a written assessment that requires learners to demonstrate that they can identify and use effectively an appropriate selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories and knowledge from across the whole qualification in an integrated way.

Non-exam internally-assessed components (1 & 2) are assessed using a mark-based scale. Centres report marks which will be submitted for moderation. The exam based externally assessed component (3) is marked externally by Pearson.

All components are awarded on a six-point grade scale from Level 1 Pass to Level 2 Distinction. Learners will receive a uniform mark for each component. Performance in each component will contribute towards the overall end of qualification grade. Grades will be awarded as – Level 1 Pass, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Distinction, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Distinction*

Where can my qualifications take me?

Qualifications include Level 3 - OCR Cambridge Technical in Sport & Physical Activity (available at Bishop Challoner)

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