



## BTEC to GCSE conversion

GCSE 9-1 Points		BTEC First Award		BTEC Tech Award	
Grade & Points	Grade terms	Grade	Points	Grade	Points
9		L2 D*	8.5	L2 D*	8.5
8					
7		L2 D	7	L2 D	7
6		L2 M	5.5	L2 M	5.5
5	Strong Pass (DfE)	L2 P	4	L2 P	4
4	Standard Pass (DfE)				
3		Level 1 Pass	1.75	L1 D	3
2				L1 M	2
1				L1 P	1.25
U		U	0	U	0

This table compares BTEC grades to GCSEs. It covers Level 2 BTECs (usually taken at age 14–16).

Although BTEC grades are not directly equivalent to GCSE grades, they can be roughly aligned based on performance and UCAS guidance.

BTEC are extremely flexible qualifications and are available at different levels, depending on a student's age and stage of education. The table above compares BTEC Firsts and Tech Awards, which are Level 2 qualifications, similar to GCSEs.

BTECs use a Pass-Merit-Distinction-Distinction\* grading structure. Exam boards convert these into estimated GCSE grades. For example, a Pass equals Grade 4, a Merit equals Grade 5.5, a Distinction equals Grade 7, and Distinction\* equals roughly Grade 8.5.