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Dear Colleague

PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF THE REVISED SPECIFICATION FOR BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

I am writing to enclose a printed copy of the specification for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, which was accredited some time ago. This specification is already accessible in electronic format on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.org.uk) under the Qualifications pages.

It is extremely important to promptly distribute the specification to the relevant staff and managers teaching this BTEC qualification with the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions.

The specification is being sent to those centres approved to deliver the current specification of the pre-cursor BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art and Design) or that have recently been approved to offer the new specification. Centres must have BTEC approval to offer this qualification.

To support our centres, each centre is allocated a Curriculum Development Manager, who is available to help and advise on implementing re-accredited BTEC qualifications. He/she can be contacted through the relevant regional office (for schools, FE and HE centres) or (for training provider and employer centres) the Work Based Learning Team. The addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of our regional offices are attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Need additional copies of the specification?

Additional copies of the specification can be ordered

- through Edexcel Online - <http://www.edexcelonline.org.uk/>
- via email - publications@linneydirect.com
- by phoning Edexcel Publications on 01623 467467.

The order code for the specification is B019654.

Each additional copy will cost £4.00 - please note that additional charges will be payable for postage and packaging.

Frequently asked questions

What are BTEC qualifications?

They are work related qualifications which focus on a particular vocational area of study, and are designed to bring the realities of the world of work into learning and assessment activities, through an integrated approach and planning by course teams. They are available at all levels of the revised National Qualifications Framework (NQF) - from Entry through to Level 7.

What is the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design?

The BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is a Level 3 qualification designed to give learners further knowledge of a range of disciplines and a broad spectrum of skills in the art and design sector. Progression is predominantly, but not exclusively, in the form of a university degree. The course is structured to comprise three main stages: exploratory, pathway and confirmatory. This takes learners through a journey of experimentation, skills building and creative research, then moving towards specialism in a particular area, and ending in a major project in a chosen specialism that demonstrates abilities and independence.

Does the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design have equivalence and currency?

The respective equivalence for the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is listed on the UCAS Tariff, and attracts UCAS points, to enable those awarded to progress to university education.

Where can I get information about the Performance Table thresholds and funding?

On each specific qualifications page on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.org.uk) there are links to both QCA's National Database of Accredited Qualifications (which shows accreditation information, and details of the DfES Achievement and Attainment Tables etc) and the Learning and Skills Council's Learning Aims Database (giving funding information).

I'd like to know more about how to plan and teach BTEC programmes. How do I find out more?

There is a substantial body of information on our website and this is being constantly added to and updated. For customised training, or if you have any query, please telephone Customer Services on 0844 576 0026, and you will be connected with one of our advisers.

I've got other queries; where do I get more information?

Call your Edexcel customer liaison team, send your query online at <http://www.edexcel.org.uk/ask> or call 0844 576 0026.

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