

## **Professional body recognition for the BTEC HNC in Applied Physics and the BTEC HND in Applied Physics**

### **Introduction**

Edexcel's qualifications are nationally recognised by employers and professional organisations. The recognition of BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND) is a way for students to prepare for jobs and careers in their chosen field through membership of relevant professional bodies.

Edexcel students and graduates may be offered exemptions by professional bodies from parts of their own qualifications in relation to membership.

The information provided is given in good faith. It is the professional bodies who will actually decide whether to accept your individual qualifications. If any questions about the nature of the exemptions and requirements, the body concerned should be contacted.

### **Higher National Certificate in Applied Physics Higher National Diploma in Applied Physics**

The BTEC Higher Nationals in Applied Physics have been developed with career progression and recognition by professional bodies in mind. It is essential that learners gain the maximum benefit from their programme of study.

Achievers may apply to the Institute of Physics to become Associate Members of the Institute of Physics.

Benefits of membership include:

- monthly issues of the Institute's magazine Physics World
- access to members-only services on the website PhysicsWeb
- discounted subscription to Institute of Physics Publishing paper journals and magazines, with further discounts on Institute of Physics Publishing books
- preferential rates for members attending meetings and conferences run either wholly by the Institute of Physics or jointly with other organisations
- 20% discount on membership of the British Association for the Advancement of Science ([www.britassoc.org.uk](http://www.britassoc.org.uk))
- free tea, coffee and mineral water, and subsidised lunches are available from the Headquarters in London, which contain a range of daily newspapers, scientific journals and magazines
- favourable rates on travel, motor and household insurance, mortgage services, private medical insurance, airport parking, car purchase, self-assessment services and a holiday club entitlement to wear official academic dress.
- All Associate Members under 32 are automatically a member of the Young Professionals Network that has its own magazine and website, at [yp.iop.org](http://yp.iop.org)

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Further details of professional body recognition and exemptions of BTEC Higher Nationals are contained in the publication *BTEC Professional Recognition Guide* which will be available on the Edexcel website ([www.edexcel.org.uk](http://www.edexcel.org.uk)).