



Public Services

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Diploma

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Public Services?

The BTEC First Diploma in Public Services provides you with the knowledge, skills and understanding you will need when moving towards a career in the uniformed services, such as the police, emergency fire services or prison service.

The course is designed to enable you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Certificate. It consists of three core units plus three specialist units, which provide a total of 360 guided learning hours. Depending on your locally available programme of study, the structure of the course allows you to develop your interests and gain a broad foundation, and it introduces you to new areas, such as law and its impact on the individual, fundamental nautical studies or land navigation by map and compass.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

The BTEC First Diploma in Public Services can be a stepping stone for successful candidates towards entering initial employment as, for example, a police community support officer, an army soldier, or a Royal Air Force airman/woman.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Diploma has an equivalence of 4 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services, it is possible for you to progress further by enrolling on another Level 2 programme, such as a relevant NVQ, or to move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate specialising in your preferred field.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Public Services are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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