

Edexcel BTEC Higher Nationals 1 September 2010

New credit values applicable from September 2010 change the HNC from 150 to 125 credits.

The HND drops from 240 to 215 credits.

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/highernationals10/Pages/default.aspx>

Previous HNs

In the previous structure the HNC model comprised 10 units, each of 15 credits value. The HND was achieved by completing a further 6 units of the same credit value. No unit was designated as being at level 4 or 5 in the National framework for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Thus HND holders achieved 240 credits, equivalent to the completion of the second year of a degree.

Post 2010/2011

The NEW structure of the HNC has 8 units with a level designation of either 15 or 20 credits which generates 125 credits, equivalent to the completion of the first year of a degree. The Edexcel BTEC level 4 HNC programme must contain 90 credits at level 4.

There is no significant change between the old and the new unit contents and outcomes.

The Civil Engineering HNC award structure

Unit Number	Mandatory core units – all eight must be taken	Unit level	Unit credit
1	Design Principles and Application for Construction and the Built Environment	4	15
2	Science and Materials for Construction and the Built Environment	4	15
3	Applied mathematics for Construction and the Built Environment	4	15
5	Group project for the construction industry	5	20
27	Site surveying procedures for Construction and the Built Environment	4	15
32	Engineering geology and soil mechanics	4	15
33	Civil engineering technology	4	15
34	Structural analysis and design	5	15