

# BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE: APPLIED LAW

**The Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A level qualification and is recognised as such by both Universities and Employers**

This qualification gives students an understanding of the essential knowledge and skills needed to help them begin or progress in a broad range of careers in the business and legal sectors.

The BTEC National Award can also open up further areas of study to students in Higher Education.

The course is designed to be adaptable to learner needs, abilities and career aspirations and consists of three compulsory core units plus a choice of one of four specialist units totalling 360 guided learning hours.

**To complete the qualification students must complete 4 Units of work.**

Unit No.	Mandatory or Optional	Unit Title	Mode of Assessment	GLH	Max Points available
1	Mandatory	Dispute Solving in Civil Law	Task	90	24
2	Mandatory	Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System	Assignment	90	24
3	Mandatory	Applying the Law	Task	120	32
4	Optional	Aspects of Family Law	Assignment	60	16
<b>Total</b>				<b>360</b>	<b>96</b>

# Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law

Students will learn the basics of the Tort of Negligence: the basic element of civil law that determines how a person is found to be at fault, if they have negligently caused harm or loss to another person (or their property)

They will also learn how such a damage can be compensated through a 'calculation of damages'

They will also learn the structure and procedures of the civil court system in England & Wales and be aware of the process of how a court case is started and settled. They will also learn the alternative ways of settling a dispute without going to court.

Students will also learn about the advice and representation available to people involved in a civil court case and how this can be funded

# Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System

Students will learn the basics of how law is made through parliament and how this can be interpreted by the courts.

They will also learn about how legislation can be delegated to other law making bodies and the principles behind this.

They will also learn the basic elements required for criminal liability by looking at the basic offences against the person: assault, battery ABH and the GBH offences.

Students will also learn about the advice and representation available to people involved in a criminal court case and how this can be funded, as well as the structure and workings of the criminal courts and of the key roles of judges, magistrates and juries.

# Unit 3: Applying the Law

Students will develop their understanding of criminal liability by looking at the the fatal offences against the person: murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter offences

They will also learn about the offences against property of theft, robbery, burglary, fraud by false representation, criminal damage, aggravated criminal damage and arson.

Students will also about the key defences that can be used against a charge of a criminal offence

They will also look at Police Powers and how the Police have to operate under the law regarding: stop & search, arrest and detention

# Unit 4: Family Law

This unit covers the laws regarding the formation and ending of legal adult relationships and the rights and responsibilities conferred on the relationships under law.

Students will also examine how property and financial disputes are settled after divorce or dissolution

The legal status of children's rights, parenthood and parental responsibility will also be covered and students will learn how disputes over children after marital breakdown are resolved

# 'ASSIGNMENTS

These are set and marked by the Centre (i.e. QE school). The marking is verified by BTEC/Pearson to check it is accurate and that there has been no malpractice.

The assignments are based around work-related scenarios and candidates have to apply their knowledge and skills to complete a coursework project over a period of time of 5 hours.

Assignments will be graded as below. Students may resubmit an assignment but can gain no more than a 'PASS' for that assignment.

GRADE	Unit 4 60 GLH	Unit 2 90 GLH
UNCLASSIFIED	0	0
PASS	6	9
MERIT	10	15
DISTINCTION	16	24

# 'TASK'

Tasks are externally set and assessed by BTEC/Pearson and are completed under 'examination conditions'. These are now done on a PC rather than as a 'pen/paper' exam.

Students will be issued with a 'pre-release' document in advance of the 'Task' to help them prepare for the 'Task'. This will usually be given to centres 7-14 days in advance of the 'Task'.

Students are allowed to take a limited set of notes (Usually up to 2 sides of A4) into the 'Task'. Note: 'Tasks' are fine graded. Students may resit an externally assessed Unit once.

GRADE	Unit 3 120 GLH	Unit 1 90 GLH
UNCLASSIFIED	0-11	0-8
PASS	12-19	9-14
MERIT	20-31	15-23
DISTINCTION	32	24



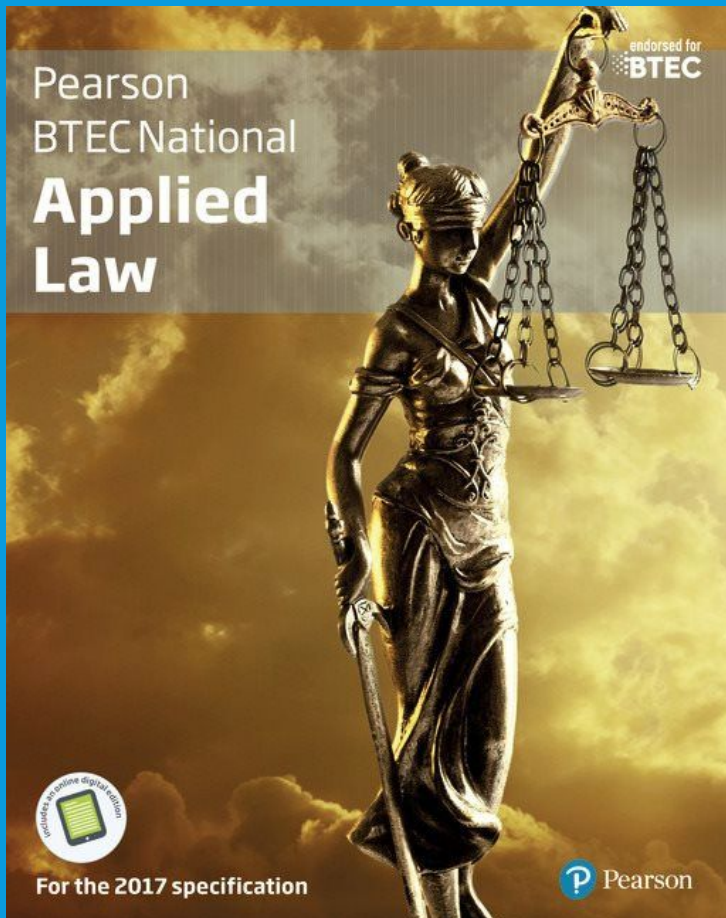
**The cumulative mark for all 4 Units is then used to determine the overall grade for a candidate.**

<b>OVERALL GRADE</b>	<b>Min cumulative mark</b>	<b>A level equivalent Grade</b>
UNCLASSIFIED	Under 36	U
PASS	36-51	E
MERIT	52-73	C
DISTINCTION	74-89	A
DISTINCTION*	90	A*

# Calendar (provisional)

Unit	Unit Title	Teaching	Final Assessment
1	Dispute Solving in Civil Law	September 2022	January 2023
2	Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System	January 2023	June 2023
4	Aspects of Family Law	Yr 13 tbc	Yr 13 tbc
3	Applying the Law	Yr 13 tbc	Yr 13 tbc

# Authorised Textbook



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