

## Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (QCF)

QRN: 500/9939/5



This qualification can be found on the Register of Regulated Qualifications at:  
[http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification/Details/500\\_9939\\_5](http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification/Details/500_9939_5)

### What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification has been developed as part of Edexcel's BTEC Nationals suite of qualifications to allow pharmacy employees (either in a community or non-community setting) and full-time learners the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised Level 3 vocationally specific qualification. It can be taken as a stand-alone qualification or, when taken in conjunction with QRN#500/9578/X Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills (QCF), will contribute to the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Pharmacy. Completing both will satisfy the requirements for registration to work as a pharmacy technician (provided all other registration requirements are also met) as required by the General Pharmaceutical Council.

This qualification covers areas such as:

- Scientific principles for pharmacy technicians
- Actions and uses of different types of medicines
- Community pharmacy practice
- Communicating in pharmacy
- Making, dispensing and supplying medicines
- Pharmaceutics
- Law, ethics and practice
- Professional development.

### Important dates

Accreditation start date: 01/07/2010 (registration opens)  
Operational start date in centres: 01/09/2010

### Funding

This qualification is supported by the Sector Skills Council (Skills for Health) for funding purposes.

For information on funding for 14-19 year old learners in England please refer to the Department for Education's Section 96 website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/section96/>

For information on funding for 19+ learners in England please refer to the Skills Funding Agency website: <http://qcf.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/qcf-funding/confirmationfunding/>

The Database of Approved Qualifications in Wales contains details of all qualifications which have been put forward for funding. For more information please visit:

<http://www.daqw.org.uk/>

For information on the funding of qualifications in Northern Ireland please visit the following websites: <http://www.deni.gov.uk/> or <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/funding-support.htm>

## Qualification requirements

- Learners must be 16+ years
- Learners must achieve at least 120 credits from 19 mandatory units
- This is a 720 guided learning hour qualification
- There are no optional units.

Group A: 19 Mandatory Units

## Assessment

- All units are internally assessed and are graded - pass, merit and distinction
- Assessment must be reliable and fit for purpose. If this qualification is taken alongside the Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills (QCF) then an integrated approach to delivery and assessment is recommended
- All centres must have internal verification processes in place. A lead verifier will also be appointed at each centre and will have to complete training set by Edexcel. All centres will be externally verified by an Edexcel Standards Verifier.

## Additional links/resources

The General Pharmaceutical Council set out requirements for staff delivering qualifications for trainee pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants. Further information can be found on their website: [www.pharmacyregulation.org](http://www.pharmacyregulation.org).

Edexcel are currently developing additional support materials for this qualification.

## Contact us?

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