

## Tech Level Qualifications External Examinations

### FAQs

**1. Where can I find out about the external examinations attached to Tech Level Qualifications?**

Please go to Section 6.4 External Assessment of the Tech Level Specification for the specific qualification you are interested in.

**2. Will there be a mock exam?**

Yes, this will be available on the E-Testing/Linx2Achieve system.

Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) -

<http://www.vtct.org.uk/Home/QualificationCentreFinder/TechnicalLevelQualifications.aspx>

**3. Will there be marks awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar?**

When marking exam papers, there are no additional marks awarded or deducted for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**4. Will there be a feedback report to support revision if learners fail an exam and need to re-sit?**

There will be a new paper for each exam series and a chief examiner report will be available after every window.

**5. Do learners have to sit the exam(s) before doing the synoptic test?**

The exams must be taken within one of the exam windows published by VTCT in the Key Dates -2016/17 External Examination series document, available to download from the VTCT website:

<http://www.vtct.org.uk/Portals/0/PapersAnswerGuides/TLQs/Key%20dates%20TLQ%202016-17%20V1.pdf>

The synoptic assessment must be scheduled by the centre to take place in the last third or final term of the programme of learning.

**6. How soon will exam results be published?**

For all results dates please refer back to the key date's document on the VTCT website.

**7. Can the exam be attempted in the October window for the first time?**

The October window is a re-sit only window. No first time attempts. For any specific queries on re-sits or re-registrations please email [exams@vtct.org.uk](mailto:exams@vtct.org.uk) or phone +44 (0) 23 8068 4500

**8. What is the external exam paper pass mark?**

*(Please note: these are 'rough' boundaries that are subject to change from series to series)*

Low Pass - 40 – 49 %

High Pass -50 – 59%

Low Merit - 60 – 69%

High Merit -70 - 79 %

Distinction – 80 – 89%

Distinction \* - 90% and above

**9. What happens if the learner fails the external exam twice?**

If the learner fails any element of a Tech Level qualification, including the external examination; the learner will have been deemed to have failed the qualification. It is possible for the learner to try again and be re-registered on the qualification. The process for this is exactly the same as when the initial registration took place, the registration fee will have to be paid again. Assessment achievements from the initial registration can be carried forward and the evidence can be used towards the re-registered qualification.

**10. Can you advise what platform the on-line tests are run on?**

The on-line testing is run through your internet browser and therefore the requirements are Internet Explorer Ver.8 or above, or Firefox/Chrome, and a stable internet connection.