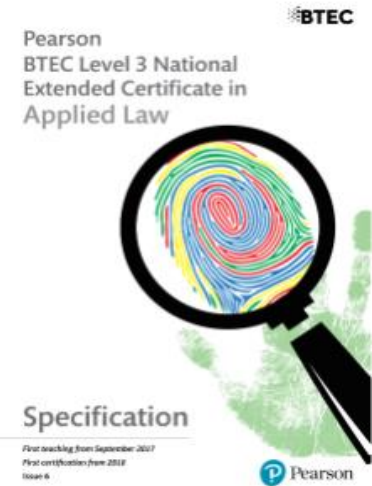


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APPLIED LAW – BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (PEARSON)
Pre-course reading and guidance





BTEC IN APPLIED LAW

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE LAW?

Studying Law gives students an understanding of the role of Law in today's society and raises their awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals. By learning about legal rules and how and why they apply to real life, students also develop their analytical ability, decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. All these skills are highly sought after by higher education and employers.

WHO IS THIS BTEC QUALIFICATION FOR?

The Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Law is an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the legal sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level and aims to provide a detailed introduction to the legal sector.



BTEC IN APPLIED LAW

Year 1

		Assessment
UNIT 1	Dispute Solving in Civil Law	Externally assessed task – 1 hr 30
UNIT 2	Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System	Internally assessed

Year 2

		Assessment
UNIT 3	Applying the law – Criminal law	Externally assessed task – 2 hours
UNIT 7	Aspects of Tort Law	Internally assessed



APPLIED LAW

Unit 1 – Dispute Solving in Civil Law

You will study basic principles of Civil law including the law of negligence, damages, contributory negligence and some aspects of the civil court system including Funding, types of legal representation, judicial precedent and alternative dispute resolution.

Unit 2 – Criminal Law and the Legal System

You will study the basic principles of criminal law including the non-fatal offences and sentencing and some aspects of the legal system including; Juries, Magistrates, the judiciary, statutory interpretation, Parliamentary Law-making, European Union.



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Unit 3 – Applying the Law

You will study the criminal law including criminal offences such as Murder, Manslaughter, Theft, Robbery, Burglary, Fraud, Criminal Damage. You will also study defences to crimes such as Loss of Control, Diminished Responsibility, Self-Defence, Intoxication, Insanity and Automatism and finally key principles of Police powers of Stop & Search, Arrest and Detention.

Unit 7 – The Law of Tort

You will study key aspects of the law of tort including; psychiatric harm, pure economic loss, occupiers' liability, vicarious liability, Nuisance and Rylands v Fletcher.



APPLIED LAW – Grading Structure

The overall grades available in the course are:

P (Pass)	(equivalent to an E at A Level)
M (Merit)	(equivalent to an C at A Level)
D (Distinction)	(equivalent to an A at A Level)
D* (Distinction *)	(equivalent to an A* at A Level)

Internally assessed units

For each unit you can achieve either a Pass, Merit or Distinction

To achieve a Merit overall in a unit, you must pass all the Merit and all the Pass tasks

To achieve a Distinction overall in a unit, you must pass all the Distinction, all the Merit and all the Pass tasks.

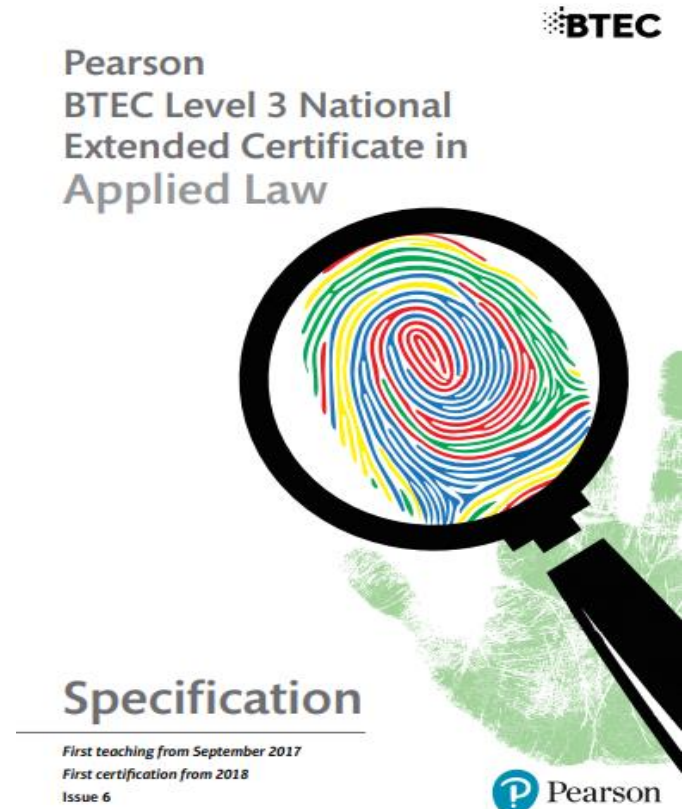
Externally assessed units

In the externally assessed unit you will be graded only Pass, Merit or Distinction



APPLIED LAW – The Specification

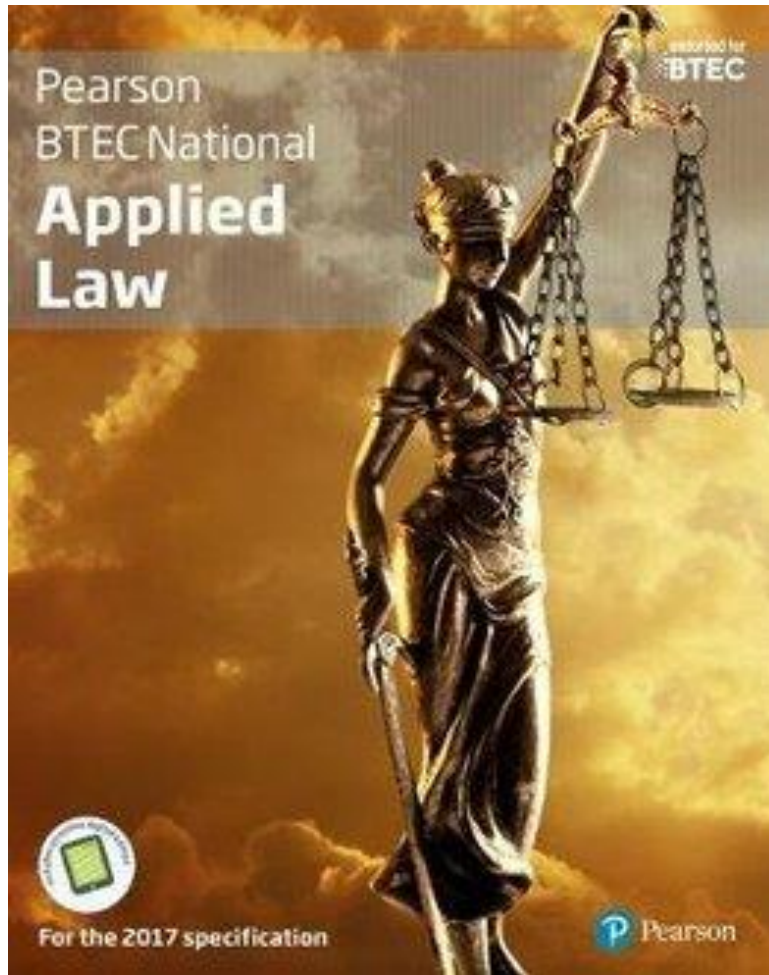
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Textbook Suggestions (not an essential purchase)



BTEC Applied Law

by Nick Price, Ann Summerscales and Richard Wortley (2017)

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Approx £25

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Other Useful Resources - Books

- The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken
- Winning Arguments – Jay Heinrich
- To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- The Rule of Law – Tom Bingham
- About Law – Tony Honore



Other Useful Resources – Websites

(click on links to go to page)

- **The Exam Board - Pearson – BTEC**
- **Course Guide - SMC**
- **The Supreme Court**
- **Parliament**
- **Law Reports**
- **The Law Society – Solicitors**
- **The Bar Council - Barristers**



Other Useful Resources - Television

- The Murder Trial
 - › <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0005ywg/murder-case-series-1-2-the-search-for-julie-reilly>
- Drama based on real events – A child on trial for murder
 - › <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000cff1/responsible-child>
- The Trial: Murder in the family – A fictional murder trial (using real lawyers etc)
 - › <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-trial-a-murder-in-the-family>

If you can find them – other quality legal based tv dramas - Silk, Kavanagh QC



Other Useful Resources - Films

- 12 Angry Men (Henry Fonda)
- To Kill a Mockingbird (Gregory Peck)
- A Civil Action (John Travolta)
- A Few Good Men (Jack Nicholson)
- Erin Brockovich (Julia Roberts)
- The Firm (Tom Cruise)
- The Pelican Brief (Denzel Washington)



Other Useful Resources - Podcasts

You can find the podcasts on BBC Sounds or the Podcast app.

- Serial (series 1 is the classic story of a possible miscarriage of justice, series 3 investigates the criminal justice system in the US)
- Law in Action – BBC Radio 4
- Law Pod UK – (Human Rights)
- The Hearing – (Interviews)



Any further questions?

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We also offer an A Level in Law.

Please see the relevant pre-course reading guidance for further details.