



**The new next generation
NQF BTEC Firsts
Quality Assurance Model from 2012**

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**Working in partnership to
deliver quality and standards**



- This BTEC Quality Assurance Model covers the new next generation NQF BTEC Firsts
- It includes three elements:

Quality Review & Development
Lead Internal Verifier support
Standards Verification

- Full guidance will be found in the UK BTEC Quality Assurance Handbook
 - Go to www.btec.co.uk/keydocuments

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Quality Review & Development



Develop quality, deliver success, raise attainment

- Every BTEC centre receives an annual visit from a Centre Quality Reviewer
- Visits take place between October and April
- Checks centre systems against defined Quality Objectives & Measures
- Places strong emphasis on the management of internal verification

Qualifications in scope
Vocational programmes
All BTEC Entry - Level 3
BTEC Specialist Short Courses Level 1-3
BTEC Workskills
BTEC components of The Diploma

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Lead Internal Verifier support



Confidence in assessing to the standards

- Each subject area must register a Lead Internal Verifier
- Can be the same person as is registered for QCF BTEC – but they must undertake separate NQF specific standardisation
- The Lead Internal Verifier registers via Edexcel Online and accesses standardisation materials to use with their team
- New standardisation materials are available from October each year
- Use of the standardisation materials is compulsory, but is not a “test” to obtain accreditation
- The Lead Internal Verifier confirms that standardisation has taken place
- The Lead Internal Verifier re-registers each September

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Standards Verification



Checking practice, supporting standards

- Standards Verification is an **annual process** for the new next generation NQF BTEC Firsts
- Your Standards Verifier will discuss your assessment plan (i.e. when you are completing units and which assessors/learners are involved) with your Lead Internal Verifier and set the sample required from this information
- The sampling window will be between January and May each year
- The Standards Verifier will sample:
 - assignment briefs
 - assessed learner work
 - internal verification documentation
- Full details are published each year in the BTEC Quality Assurance Handbook

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Sample selection

- Standards Verifiers can only undertake sampling if centre-led standardisation has taken place
 - Your Standards Verifier will determine the sample after evaluating your Assessment Plan
 - The sample will cover the full range of grades awarded and should include all assessors involved across the programme, over the registration period for the cohort
 - Only completed units will be accepted for sampling
- Sample selection in the first year when certification is not required:**
If a complete sample is not available the Standards Verifier will support by reporting on aspects of the sample that are available. The sample will be completed in the second year and an outcome given.
- Eg1 If no completed units are available for sampling the Standards Verifier will support by reporting on assignment briefs
 - Eg2 If not enough completed units are available for sampling the Standards Verifier will support by reporting on the units that are available, **including the core unit** wherever possible

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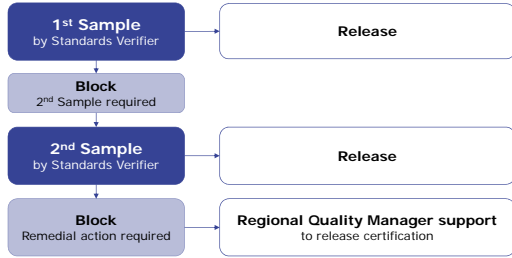
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Sampling



NB: If certification is not needed in year 1 SV support can still be gained via a report on a part-sample, the sample will be completed in year 2 and an outcome given.

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