

BTEC Nationals in Business (2016)

Improved structure for externally assessed Set Tasks

Simpler guidance – clearer processes

We've taken on board feedback from BTEC teachers and the DfE to make improvements to some of the organisation and processes for the Set Task external assessments in your new BTEC Nationals (2016 & 2017). This will take effect from the first assessment. You'll see these changes clearly marked in each specification and in your Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs). For easy reference, here's a summary of the changes:

PART A (RESEARCH)

Timings and schedule	Supervision and controls
<p>You'll receive the context (Part A):</p> <p>Unit 2 - 2 weeks Unit 6 – 1 week</p> <p>before the final assessment (Part B) to carry out research and preparatory work.</p> <p>Learners should take up to 6 hours on Part A during timetabled sessions. You can use scheduled lessons or other slots already in your timetable for some or all of Part A.</p>	<p>During the research period (Part A) for Unit 2:</p> <p>Learners can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepare summary notes on their research findings (Unit 2) and take up to 6 sides of A4 notes into Part B, including facts and figures relating to organisations such as the products they offer and the ways they use the marketing mix in their promotional campaign. <p>Learners cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include any analysis, evaluation or promotional plans. <p>During the research period (Part A) for Unit 6:</p> <p>Learners can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make notes but cannot take them into the final Part B assessment. <p>Teachers and invigilators will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> monitor the research and check learners' notes to ensure the content meets these requirements retain all notes securely as Pearson may ask to see them.

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PART B (ASSESSMENT)

Timings and schedule	Supervision and controls
<p>The Set Task (Part B) now takes place:</p> <p>Unit 2 – in a single, timetabled session of 3 hours during a 2-day window. Submission completed using a computer.</p> <p>Unit 6 – in a single, timetabled session of 3 hours during a 2-day window. Submission completed using a computer.</p> <p>Unit 7 – in a single, timetabled session of 3 hours during a 2-day window. Submission completed using a computer.</p>	<p>Teachers and invigilators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all units, you can schedule a supervised rest break during the Part B assessment. • for Unit 2, must retain learners’ notes after the assessment and store them securely; Pearson may ask to see them.

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