

BTEC Nationals in Engineering (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>For Unit 3, you'll receive the research brief (Part A) 1 week before the final assessment (Part B).</p> <p>Learners should carry out their research for Part A over a 3-hour period during this week.</p>	<p>During the research period (Part A):</p> <p>Learners can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make notes on 2 sides of A4 <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.

PART B (ASSESSMENT)

Timings and schedule	Supervision and controls
<p>The Set Task (Part B) now takes place:</p> <p>Unit 3 - in 8 hours within a 5-day period.</p> <p>Unit 7 – in 12 hours within a 5-day period.</p>	<p>Teachers and invigilators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must retain learners' notes after the assessment and store them securely; Pearson may ask to see them.

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