



BTEC Nationals in Forensic

Pearson and Criminal Investigation (2017)

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). These changes will take effect from the first assessment for the forensics sector. 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 (INVESTIGATION/RESEARCH)

Timings and schedule	Supervision and controls
<p>You'll receive Part A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit 3– From January 2018 8 days before... ● Units 5 and 7 1 week before... <p>...the supervised assessment (Part B).</p> <p>Unit 3 Learners should spend up to 3 hours on the Part A investigation in a timetabled, supervised session.</p> <p>Units 5 and 7 Learners should spend up to 3 hours over 1 week on Part A in timetabled, supervised sessions. This can include lessons or other already timetabled slots.</p>	<p>Unit 3 During the investigation (Part A): Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● carry out the investigation given in the Part A booklet in a timetabled, supervised session ● write their results/observations in the Part A booklet. <p>Units 5 and 7 During the research period (Part A): Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● carry out independent research on the case study given in the Part A booklet ● take up to 4 sides of A4 notes made during the research period (Part A) into the supervised assessment (Part B). <p>Units 3, 5 and 7 Learners cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● take other content with them into the supervised assessment (Part B) or receive support with their Part A investigation or research notes from teachers or tutors. <p>Teachers and invigilators will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● monitor the investigation/research and check learners' data/notes to ensure the content meets the unit requirements ● collect the Part A booklet (Unit 3) and all research notes (Units 5 and 7) after the Part A session and give them back to learners at the start of Part B.



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PART B (ASSESSMENT)

Timings and schedule	Supervision and controls
<p>The Set Task (Part B):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Units 5 and 7 2.5 hours <p>on a timetabled date set by Pearson.</p>	<p>Teachers and invigilators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● can schedule a supervised rest break during the session● must retain learners' notes after the assessment and store them securely; Pearson may ask to see them.

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