

BTEC Nationals in Music (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 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 Part A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 - 1 week before • Unit 5 – 1 week before <p>the supervised assessment (Part B). Learners can carry out up to 4 hours research during timetabled sessions.</p>	<p>During the research period (Part A):</p> <p>Learners can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare notes on specific details, data or cases and take up to four sides of notes into the supervised assessment (Part B) in bullet points. <p>Learners cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have notes written in continuous prose, or receive support with the notes from teachers or tutors. <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):</p> <p>Unit 3 – max of 3 hours, on a timetabled date set by Pearson.</p> <p>Unit 5 – max of 3 hours, on a timetabled date set by Pearson.</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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