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Performance tables in England

November 2017: Autumn term update

Supporting your planning for 1-, 2- and 3-year courses

This is the first performance tables update for autumn term 2017 and we're focusing on the news we've had from the DfE about performance tables in England for 2020 and 2021 results and what that means for your planning.

We understand how important it is to have the right information to plan ahead, so we're sharing the headlines from what the DfE's told us.

On our [Performance tables in England web page](#), you'll find the latest FAQs from our Subject Teams sharing their advice on what this means for schools and colleges as you plan for 1-, 2- and 3-year timetables.

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What we know so far Based on what the DfE has told us to date, we expect that BTEC and Pearson qualifications which are included on performance tables for 2019 results will remain on tables for 2020 results, although this is not yet confirmed. New BTEC qualifications for performance tables (2020 results) - first teaching September 2018 We will also submit a small number of new BTEC qualifications which, if they are accepted onto performance tables, will be available for first teaching from September 2018. You'll see draft specifications published on our website as soon as they are available. When will the final performance tables (2020 results) be confirmed? At the moment, we anticipate the DfE will confirm which BTEC and Pearson qualifications will be included on performance tables for 2020 results during the summer term 2018.	What we know so far The DfE has also told us that they intend to review the criteria for inclusion on performance tables for 2021 results, and this may mean significant changes to which qualifications are included from 2021 results onwards. What will these changes mean? These changes will affect 2-year courses starting in September 2019 and 3-year courses starting in September 2018. We are hoping to hear more about the new criteria before the end of the summer term 2018 and we'll let you know as soon as we know more.

2. Planning ahead - your questions answered

As a first step, you can check through the [FAQs from our Subject Teams](#) - who are all former teachers themselves - which offer their best advice on what the changes will mean for you as you plan ahead to September 2018 and beyond.

To stay up to date with the latest DfE news as we hear it, do [sign up to our Subject Advisor updates](#).

3. Supporting your learners' progression with BTEC

We're working hard to ensure BTEC continues to meet the government's requirements for performance tables in England. And as the skills-gap debate continues, you can be confident BTEC will offer teachers high quality qualifications for learners at all levels.

In fact:

- In 2016, UCAS and HESA data confirmed that nearly 1 in 4 learners who got into university did so with a BTEC.
- A report from London Economics in 2013 indicated that 90% of BTEC learners are employed full-time after graduating.

4. Here to help

I hope this information helps you with forward planning, and please do pass it on to your colleagues or department heads who are teaching BTEC or other vocational qualifications included on performance tables.

And if you need any more information or support, our [teaching sector experts are always on hand to help](#).

With best wishes,

The BTEC Team