

Resubmission and retake rules – Scenarios answers

Apply the rules discussed on the video to these given scenarios.

1. A student submits the assignment on time but has only provided evidence for the pass criteria. Can a resubmission be authorised for the merit and distinction criteria?

Yes, if the assessor and lead internal verifier believe that the student can improve the work without any further support or teaching. This would be a professional judgement based on the prior achievement of the student on previous assessments and classwork.

2. On resubmission a student improved their work from a pass to a merit; can they have another resubmission to achieve the distinction?

No, there is only one opportunity to improve the work to a higher standard on a resubmission.

3. A student has submitted work on time and has achieved all merit criteria, but one of the pass criteria is not fully met. Can the student have a resubmission and be awarded a merit as their final grade?

Yes, a resubmission is used to achieve any criteria not yet achieved, within the given rules, so the student can use this to complete the missing pass criteria. Resubmissions cannot be capped and so the merit can be awarded as the final grade for that assessment.

Only a retake opportunity restricts achievement to the pass criteria.

4. A student was given a resubmission, but has not handed the additional work in by the deadline; can you give them more than 15 working days?

No, 15 days is the maximum time permitted. The only time this can be extended is if there are extenuating circumstances and a formal extension has been approved.

5. An assessor identifies plagiarism in a student's work after they have signed the declaration of authenticity. Can the student be authorised a resubmission or retake?

Yes. All students must submit authentic work which is referenced correctly and demonstrates their own understanding. It is important that students are made aware of the importance of ensuring that work is their own and of the consequences of failing to do so. This should be detailed in your centre's own plagiarism and malpractice policy.

However, if work submitted is found to be inauthentic, the student may still be given one resubmission and/or retake opportunity in accordance with BTEC assessment rules, but centres must also report the plagiarism to Pearson. Our malpractice team will request information to show the steps you have taken in your centre and will advise if any further sanctions are applied. It is important to note that a possible outcome of our investigation could result in disqualification from the unit and/or qualification.