

Review of Marking and Appeals Guidance for BTEC Students

You can find handy guidance and information about BTEC results this year on our student pages **here**, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Results Day 2022 **here**.

The principles around awarding results in 2022

This year the Government confirmed that exams, external and internal assessments would go ahead as planned, for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began.

Ofqual (and other regulators), the Department for Education (England) and Awarding Organisations, like Pearson, recognise the difficulties you have faced since 2020, and changes have been made to this year's arrangements to support you. Your individual School or College will be able to advise which adaptations they have used. You can find more information in **this guide** which explains how your final qualification grade will be awarded this year.

Ofqual set out their plans for awarding qualifications in 2022 and their plans to return to a normal approach to grading by 2023. They have confirmed that 2022 will be a transition year, to reflect that we are in an adjustment period and that your education has been disrupted.

We would like to assure you that we aim, as far as it is possible, to ensure that you are not disadvantaged nor advantaged compared with your GCSE and A level peers.

Results Day

We hope you are happy with your results! We work hard to ensure that all of our marking, verification and awarding processes are followed accurately by our expert markers and standards verifiers. However, should you have concerns once you have received your results, we encourage you to discuss them with your teacher or tutor. If you are worried, your School or College are there to support you, and will be best placed to advise on your options and next steps. This might include explaining how your grade was reached, requesting a review of marking, explaining options for resits (if you are 'topping up' to a larger sized BTEC next year), and finally the possibility of asking your centre to appeal your result.

Before your School or College can request a review of a result, they must ask you to confirm your understanding that **grades are not protected, meaning a grade could go down, stay the same, or increase** as a result.

Reviews of Marking and Appeals

If you feel something has gone wrong with the marking, assessment or aggregation of your BTEC results, please speak to your School or College first. They will be able to advise on whether to take any further steps, including Reviews of Marking or any subsequent Appeals.

Need help?

We are very aware that you may need extra support throughout this time and there are several ways you can keep up to date or contact us. You can follow **@PearsonBTEC**, check our **student webpage** or take a look at our **FAQ page** which are all updated regularly with the latest information. If you have any specific questions for us, you can **contact us**, where live chat is also available, or phone us on 0345 618 0440. Phone lines will open at 8.30am on Results Days.