

Welcome to BTEC



We're delighted to have you on board



Your quick
guide to getting
started with
BTEC in schools.

For Entry Level to
Level 3 courses.

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We've created this short guide to help you get started delivering your new BTEC qualifications.

You'll find a summary of the different roles, responsibilities and requirements to be aware of when planning and delivering your new BTEC course as well as information on how to get in touch for help or advice.

We're here to help you every step of the way so if you need anything don't hesitate to ask us.

We look forward to working with you.

The BTEC Team



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Stage 1 New to BTEC

1 Get in touch

Existing Pearson Customer:

Contact your Account Specialist using the Pearson Community Portal at:

quals.pearson.com/communityportal

New UK Customer: Complete our 'becoming a BTEC centre' online form at: quals.pearson.com/BTECapproval

2 **Fill out the relevant application form** which you will receive from our Account Services team and respond to their request enclosing your completed form via the Pearson Community Portal at: quals.pearson.com/communityportal

3 **You'll hear from us within 2 working days** to let you know we've received your application and to help if you have any questions. Once we've received and checked your form, our approvals team will review your application within **5 working days** and let you know by email when you're approved.

Stage 2 Completed Stage 1 or already a BTEC centre?

1 **Check you are approved** for the qualifications you want to deliver with your exams officer, via Edexcel Online (EOL) or you can contact us using the Pearson Community Portal at: quals.pearson.com/communityportal

2 **Register your learners** at the beginning of the BTEC programme as this will trigger the allocation of your Pearson Standards Verifier.

3 **Identify your BTEC team** so everyone understands their roles and responsibilities and you're off to a flying start. See pages 6 and 7 of this guide where you can download a detailed activity timeline for each BTEC role.

To plan, deliver and assess your new BTEC programme effectively, it's important that you have your BTEC team in place. This could involve as few as **two members of staff** as one person can take on several BTEC roles at the same time though you may prefer to increase this depending on the size of your school or department. Here's a summary of the roles you will need in place:



Head of Centre (Head teacher)

Formally responsible for the management and delivery of BTEC in your school. Their main responsibility is to ensure that your school acts in accordance with our conditions of approval, regulations and any other terms and conditions or policies

[Download your Head of Centre activity timeline on our website.](#) 



Quality Nominee (QN)

Our main point of contact for quality assurance in your school and responsible for ensuring effective management of your BTEC programmes. Visit our Quality Nominee Support Hub at at: quals.pearson.com/BTECQNhub

[Download your Quality Nominee activity timeline on our website.](#) 



Exams Officer (EO)

Our point of contact for administration at your school. The Exams Officer is responsible for ensuring learners are registered on time and correctly. Visit our Exams Officers page at: quals.pearson.com/BTECexamsOfficers

[Download your Exams Officer activity timeline on our website.](#) 



Programme Leader (PL)

Your **Programme Leader** has overall responsibility for the effective delivery and assessment of BTEC qualifications. For Entry to Level 3 qualifications in schools, the Programme Leader (PL) often also acts as Lead Internal Verifier (LIV) depending on size of school.

[Download your Programme Leader Activity timeline on our website](#) 



Lead Internal Verifier (LIV)

A **Lead Internal Verifier** acts as a single point of accountability for quality assurance across a subject area. For Entry to Level 3 qualifications in schools, the Lead Internal Verifier (LIV) often also acts as Programme Leader (PL) depending on size of school.

[Download your Lead Internal Verifier Activity timeline on our website](#) 



Internal Verifiers (IV)

Internal Verifiers are responsible for ensuring assessment decisions are consistent across the programme. Internal Verifiers are usually Assessors also, but as an Internal Verifier, you cannot Internally Verify your own assignment briefs and assessment decisions.

[Download your Internal Verifier activity timeline on our website](#) 



Assessor (Teacher)

Assessors are your course teachers so are responsible for teaching and assessing learners against the unit specification and following the rules of assessment. Please note, an Assessor cannot also act as Internal Verifier for their own assignment briefs or assessment decisions.

[Download your Assessor activity timeline on our website](#) 

We've teams of BTEC experts in place to help you with every aspect of delivering your new BTEC course as well as a wide range of resources to download and free training courses you can sign-up for.

Here's a summary of how to get in touch, if you are at all unsure who to contact your Account Specialist will be happy to direct you to the right person.



Vocational Sales Consultant

Your Vocational Sales Consultant is the best person to speak to if you are looking for a new qualification or considering a new BTEC course. For details of your consultant please contact our sales team on:

 **0161 855 7587**  **VQManchester@pearson.com**



Subject Advisor

Our teams of specialist subject advisors offer advice across a range of sectors and are your best point of contact for queries relating to teaching our qualifications.

Find your Subject Advisor at: quals.pearson.com/BTECsubjectadvisors

Useful links



myBTEC – quals.pearson.com/myBTEC

Fees – quals.pearson.com/BTECFees

Exam timetables – quals.pearson.com/BTECtimetables

Statistics – quals.pearson.com/BTECstats

UCAS points – quals.pearson.com/UCAS

BTEC equivalencies – quals.pearson.com/BTECequivalencies

BTEC acronyms – quals.pearson.com/BTECacronyms

Support services – quals.pearson.com/supportservices



Vocational Quality Advisors

If you need help with any aspect of our Quality Assurance process our Vocational Quality Advisors in our customer services team will be happy to help. You can contact them using the Pearson Community Portal at:

quals.pearson.com/communityportal

 quals.pearson.com/BTECQNhub



Customer Services Account Specialist

Your Account Specialist in our customer services team will be able to help with a range of queries and also direct you to other teams for specialist advice where appropriate. You can contact them using the Pearson Community Portal at:

quals.pearson.com/communityportal

◆◆◆◆ myBTEC Your time-saving free workflow tool

Designed to work alongside your current VLE or MIS system to save you time throughout the assessment process, myBTEC will:

- help you quickly get started with your new BTEC course
- save you time with course planning, assignments, internal verification, marking and progress tracking
- give you complete visibility of all courses, assessment, internal verification and results at your centre
- provide support for your entire BTEC team, whatever their department or role.

myBTEC has been specially designed for BTEC qualifications, so you can be confident that you are getting it right. Find out more at:

quals.pearson.com/myBTEC

See also:

examWizard

Create mock exams from our bank of past paper questions at:

quals.pearson.com/examwizard

ResultsPlus

Explore our free online results analysis tool at:

quals.pearson.com/resultsplus

We've included answers to some of the most frequently asked BTEC questions on our website which we hope you find helpful. You can watch a series of short video clips or simply read through the questions and answers at:

quals.pearson.com/deliveringBTECFAQs



Topics included cover:

- **BTEC Curriculum Planning**
- **BTEC Teaching and Learning**
- **BTEC Assessment**
- **BTEC Quality Assurance**

Guides and resources

You'll find a range of helpful guides and free resources on our website to help you with every stage of your BTEC Journey at: quals.pearson.com/deliveringBTEC

Explore our range of student books and teacher resources at: www.pearsonschools.co.uk*

Training

Check our Quality Nominee Information Hub for latest free Quality Assurance training events at:

quals.pearson.com/BTECQAevents

Explore all our BTEC training events including those for help delivering specific qualifications at:

quals.pearson.com/BTECTraining



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Contact us at: quals.pearson.com/communityportal

* You do not need to purchase resources in order to deliver BTEC qualifications.