

# T Level Technical Qualification Appeals 2021

T Level Technical Qualification results for summer 2021 will be issued using Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). This approach means that students will receive a TAG for the core employer-set project and the core knowledge sub-components. These TAGs will be used to provide an overall grade for the core component.

T Level Technical Qualification results will be issued to students on 10 August 2021.

## The appeals approach

As with any qualification it is important there is a clear route to appeal in cases where centres and/or students believe an error has been made in determining their grade.

For summer 2021, the grounds for appeal that are specified in the [JCQ document – A Guide to Appeals Processes, Summer 2021 Series](#) will apply for T Level Technical Qualifications, with some minor amendments to the details contained in that document:

1. Student T Level Technical Qualification appeals should be sent by the centre to [edexcelappeals@pearson.com](mailto:edexcelappeals@pearson.com) using the Student Request Form for Centre Reviews and Appeals to Awarding Organisations provided in [Appendix B of the JCQ document](#), A Guide to Appeals Processes, Summer 2021 Series. An interactive version of this form can be found on the JCQ website, by using the link above.
2. T Level Technical Qualification appeals will be processed within 20 working days.
3. Where a grade for one or both of the sub-components changes as an outcome of the appeal, the UMS will also change and we will check whether this impacts the overall component grade. We will send the centre confirmation of the outcome of the appeal to be shared with the student.
4. There is no route to Ofqual's Exam Procedure Review Service (EPRS) for T Level Technical Qualification students (as proposed by Ofqual in the [EPRS consultation](#) published 14 June 2021). Students may send a complaint to Ofqual if they believe the awarding organisation has not followed its procedures in handling the appeal.

The appeals process is summarised below and full details are available in the JCQ document – A Guide to Appeals Processes, Summer 2021 Series.

## Stages of the appeals process

There will be a two-stage appeals process for summer 2021.

Stage One, the centre review, will be completed by the centre.

Stage Two, the awarding organisation appeal, can be made only once Stage One has been completed, if the student continues to believe an error has been made. If the student asks their centre to submit an appeal to the awarding organisation, the centre is required to do this on behalf of a student.

### Grounds for a centre review (Stage One)

Any student may submit a request for a centre review on the grounds that the centre has:

- failed to follow its procedures properly or consistently in arriving at that result, or
- made an administrative error in relation to the result.

Requests for appeals on the grounds of academic judgement (unreasonableness) will only be considered by awarding organisation (at Stage Two) and not by centres. In these cases, an initial centre review must still be completed to ensure that the centre has not made any procedural or administrative errors.

### Grounds for an awarding organisation appeal- student (Stage Two)

The grounds upon which a **student** may appeal (following the issuing of results and the completion of a centre review) are:

- **Pearson Error Appeal (Student)** – where the student believes Pearson has made an error and has not issued the grade for one or both of the sub-components that the centre has submitted. The student must provide its reason for believing we have made an error.
- **Centre Process Appeal (Student)**- where the student believes the centre has not followed its process for determining TAGs correctly, or it has made an administrative error, or it has not followed the centre review/appeal process properly. This will also include where a learner does not believe the centre has made appropriate provision for any reasonable adjustments they were entitled to or applied special considerations appropriately.
- **Centre Academic Judgement Appeal (Student) - Range of evidence** – the student believes the centre has not been fair in the selection of evidence upon which it has based its TAG determinations.
- **Centre Academic Judgement Appeal (Student) – Grade** – a student believes the centre's TAG was unreasonable.
- **Centre Process and academic judgement Appeal – combined (Student)**- the student believes the centre has not followed its process for determining TAGs correctly and that the centre's TAG was unreasonable.

## Student Consent

Student consent to a centre review and an awarding organisation appeal will be required. It is important for students to be aware that grades may go up, stay the same or go down as an outcome of an appeal.

## Deadline for appeals

All appeals must be submitted to the awarding organisation by 17 September 2021.

## Priority appeals service

The priority service is not likely to be relevant for T Level Technical Qualification appeals in summer 2021 because students will not be relying on the outcome of an appeal to secure a university place in 2021. However, should it be relevant, it can be accessed by indicating this on the Student Request Form for Centre Reviews and Appeals to Awarding Organisations and providing a UCAS number.

## Submitting an appeal

Appeals should be sent to the [edexcelappeals@pearson.com](mailto:edexcelappeals@pearson.com) email address.

## Fees for appeals

Further information will be published shortly.

## Malpractice appeals

Malpractice appeals will be handled in line with the approach specified in paragraphs 26-40 of the JCQ publication: [A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes Effective from November 2020 examination series](#).