In this guide you will find all the information you need on assessment if you are a BTEC educator.

- Principles and key dates
- How BTEC qualifications are awarded
- Appeals and further support
- Grades and grade boundaries
The principles around awarding results in 2024

Ofqual has set out their plans for awarding qualifications in 2024 and their plans to continue with normal arrangements this summer, having returned to normal grading in 2023 for A levels, AS levels and GCSEs, as well as for vocational qualifications.

Our guiding principle and approach to awarding BTEC qualification results in 2024 is to maintain the performance standards from summer 2023.

Key dates

This year, the key dates relating to the issuing of results are as follows:

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<td>5 July</td>
<td>Claiming and internal assessment grade submission deadline</td>
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<td>You must have made a full award claim before 5 July for all learners who are expecting to receive a result in August 2023. You must also submit all internal assessment grades by this deadline.</td>
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<td>If you haven't, we will be unable to guarantee your learners will receive a result in August.</td>
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<td>7 August</td>
<td>Release of Level 3 results to centres under embargo</td>
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For further information please see our key dates timeline.
Term-time checkpoint deadlines

This year we have worked in partnership with schools and colleges to meet three term-time checkpoint deadlines for these in scope qualifications.

**Checkpoint 1 | 9 February cohort confirmation**

The latest date by which a cohort confirmation is signed by schools and colleges, declaring which students should expect to receive a result by 15 August.

**Checkpoint 2 | 3 May cohort reconfirmation**

The latest date by which a final cohort confirmation is signed by schools and colleges following any changes, declaring which students should expect to review a result by 15 August.

**Checkpoint 3 | 5 July BTEC claiming deadline**

The latest date by which schools and colleges should submit a full award claim and internally assessed grades to allow Pearson to issue results by 15 August.

Read more about Term-time checkpoint deadlines
How BTEC qualifications grades are awarded

For Level 3 BTEC Nationals, for example, most qualifications are made up of around 60% of internally assessed units which are assessed by you and quality assured by Pearson. External assessments (usually around 40% of the qualification) are set, marked and awarded by Pearson.

To award a result, the following stages must be completed:

1. The learner must be registered for the course
2. Their school or college must submit their grades for internally assessed units
3. The learner must have received a grade for externally assessed units
4. Their school or college must have submitted a claim for their qualification

Without all this information, we are unable to award a result

The diagram below shows an example of a learner completing a BTEC Level 3 National Diploma (720), the units making up the qualification, the support available and the key milestone dates:
How we will set Grade Boundaries for External Assessments in Summer 2024

A group of subject and technical experts set grade boundaries (the number of marks needed to achieve a certain grade) after each external assessment has taken place. They review a range of evidence to make sure there is fairness, validity and robustness in the grade boundaries recommended.

Just as for A levels and GCSEs, we use qualitative and quantitative information to guide us in how we set grade boundaries. The types of evidence the subject experts look at includes:

- Statistics on the performance of assessment
- Historical unit and quals outcomes
- Internal assessment unit grades
- External assessment unit grades
- Examiner feedback
- Centre feedback
- Actual learner work
- Senior examiner judgements

The subject experts make a final recommendation considering all the available pieces of evidence. The results are also discussed with other awarding organisations, with oversight from Ofqual.
Appeals & further support

Appeals

For BTEC results for May/June 2024 external assessments, the appeals process that is detailed in the JCQ Guide to Awarding Bodies’ Appeal Processes will apply. We’ve also created an Appeals Decision Tree to help guide you.

Further support

For the latest information on summer 2024 results, please visit our Teaching, Learning and Assessment support page, or you can contact us.