



BTEC Key Dates

International Edition

2025/26

Plan with confidence for the year ahead

This guide brings together the key dates and practical prompts you'll need to keep on track. It's designed to make sure your students get their results on time and are ready for their next steps. Whether they're progressing to higher education or moving straight into employment.

Bookmark it. Share it. Come back to it whenever you need a reminder of what's next.

And if you ever need support along the way, you can easily reach us:

- ✓ [Pearson Support Portal](#)
- ✓ pqs.internationaleo@pearson.com
- ✓ +44 (0)120 4770 696 (Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 08:00–18:00 UK time).

Looking for all our key dates? Visit our key dates page



Getting started

These early deadlines are about more than ticking boxes.

They help keep student data secure, and make sure the right people have access to the right information.

By working together, you'll have everything you need to do business with us smoothly and set your students up for a successful year.

Read about the Edexcel Online Account Confirmation



Key date	Activity
Before programme delivery	<p>You should make sure you have the correct approval to deliver any new BTEC programmes for the year.</p> <p>Please allow plenty of time to submit any new approval requests.</p>
During August	<p>Updated fees booklets are published so you can prepare for the upcoming year.</p>
By the end of October	<p>You can access your updated centre guide to quality assurance booklet.</p>
28 October	<p>Deadline for your Head of Centre to complete your centre terms and conditions and Edexcel Online Account Confirmation.</p> <p>This means we can keep your student data secure, and we are confident we can contact the right person at your centre.</p>


Managing registrations and certification

Key date	Activity
Within 60 days of enrolment	You should make student registrations within 60 days of enrolment to avoid any late fees.
Within 90 days of registration for BTEC International	Deletions should be made within 90 days of registration to receive a full refund.
Within 49 days of registration for Higher Nationals	Deletions should be made within 49 days of registration to receive a full refund.
5 July UCAS claiming deadline	<p>You should make full award claims for any student that has applied to university via UCAS by 5 July.</p> <p>This makes sure we can send student results directly to UCAS. We actively monitor UCAS students, and we'll be in touch to make sure claims are made on time.</p>
Within 20 days of a full award claim being made	You can expect student certificates to be delivered within 20 days.

Our top priority is simple: students should always get their certificates on time, so they can take their next step without delay.

To make that happen, timely registrations and claims are key. If a completion date passes, we'll be in touch to see if you need extra support.

You can also monitor your claiming and certification through the VQ Learner Tracker.

Explore VQ Learner Tracker 

Quality Assurance

Quality assurance is about giving you and your students confidence.

From the very first contact in January through to the final visits in July, we'll be by your side, making sure everything is in place so students can be certificated accurately and on time.

Visit our quality assurance homepage



Key date	Activity
From January	You will be contacted by your Standards Verifier, who will coordinate with you to arrange sampling visits.
March – April	Take part in the release of the Higher Nationals Student Survey via HN Global
February – July	Standards verification will generally take place within this sampling window, based on your centre's needs. Your Standards Verifier will work with you to determine the best date for sampling.
By end of May	If your centre requires two visits, the first visit will be completed by this time.
End of July	All sampling visits should be completed. If further support is needed after this, we will ensure you receive it.
November – February	Annual Programme Monitoring Review (APMR): Centres offering Higher National programmes are expected to participate in a self-evaluation survey as part of the annual review.