

BTEC assessment and results 2025/26

Schools and colleges guide

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



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The principles around awarding results in 2026

Ofqual has set out their plans for awarding qualifications in 2026 and their plans to continue with normal arrangements this summer, for A levels, AS levels and GCSEs, as well as for vocational qualifications.

Our guiding principle and approach to awarding BTEC qualification results in 2026 is to maintain the performance standards from summer 2025.

Key dates

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

Key date 1



05 July

Claiming and internal assessment grade submission deadline

You must have made a full award claim before 5 July for all learners who are expecting to receive a result in August. You must also submit all internal assessment grades by this deadline.

If you haven't, we will be unable to guarantee your learners will receive a result in August.

Key date 2



05 August

Release of **Level 3** results to centres under embargo

Key date 3



13 August

Level 3 results issued to students

Key date 4



14 August

Release of **Level 2** results to centres under embargo

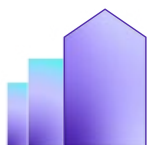
Key date 5



20 August

Level 2 results issued to students

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 BTEC Firsts and Nationals, BTEC Technicals and BTEC Tech Awards.

Checkpoints

This year, term-time checkpoints are as follows:

Checkpoint 1 Cohort confirmation



30 January

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 Cohort reconfirmation



01 May

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.

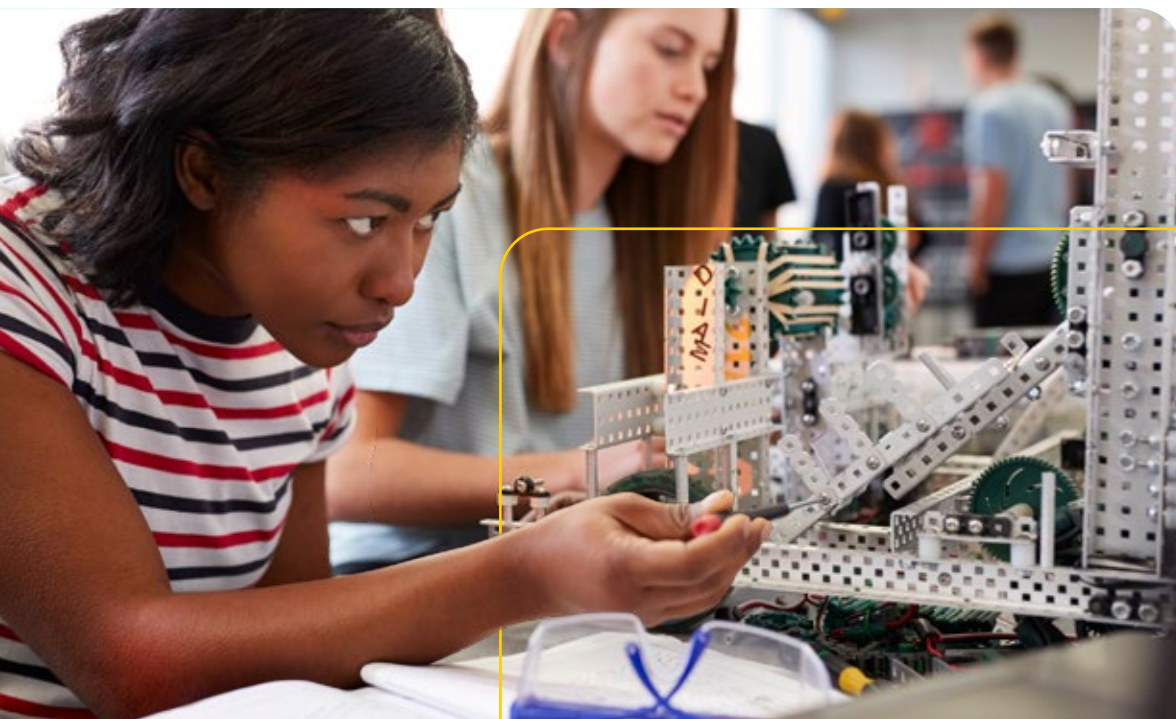
Checkpoint 3 BTEC claiming deadline

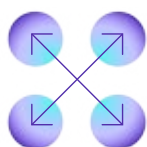


05 July

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

Read more about term-time [checkpoint deadlines](#).



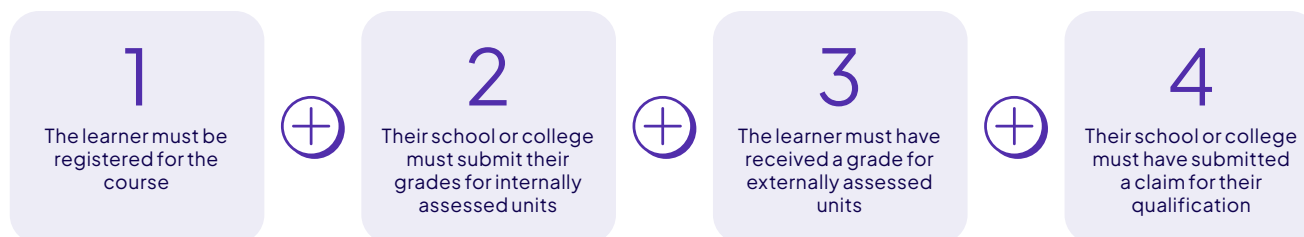


How BTEC qualifications grades are awarded

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.

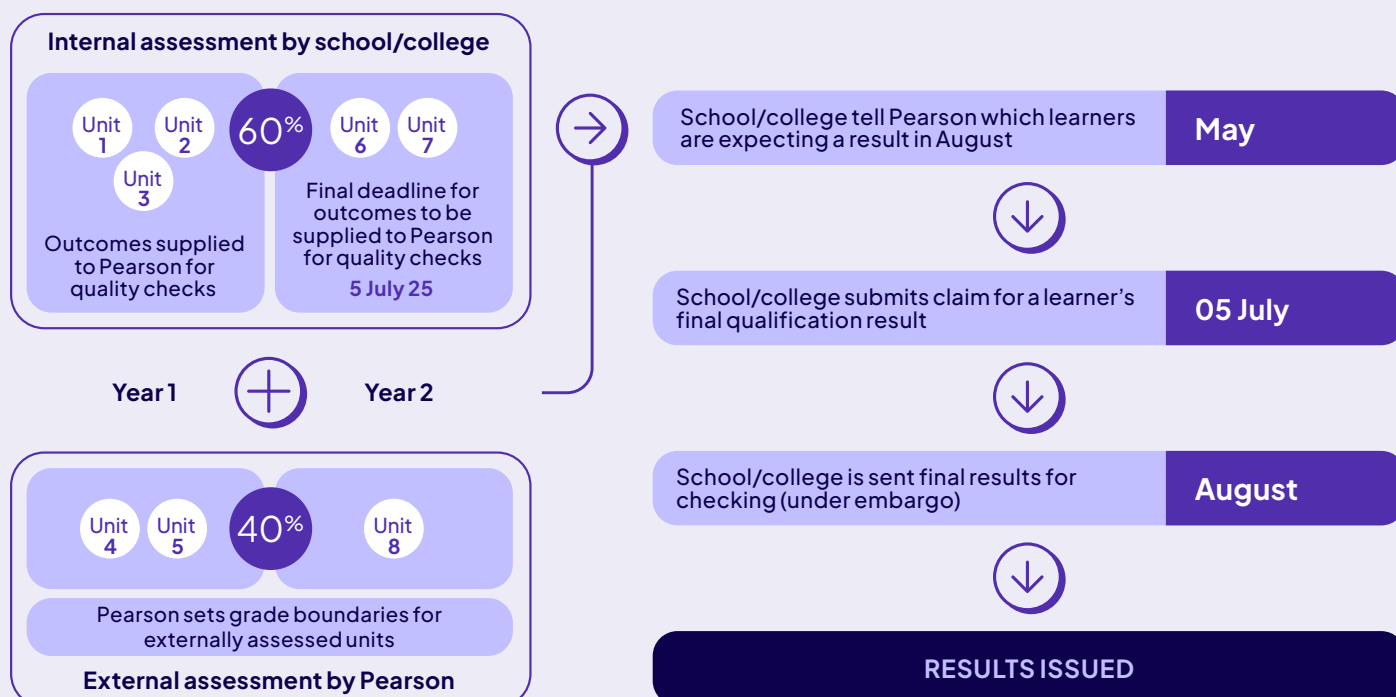
BTEC qualifications

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



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

The diagram below shows all the elements that make up an example Level 3 BTEC National grade, taken over the past two years.



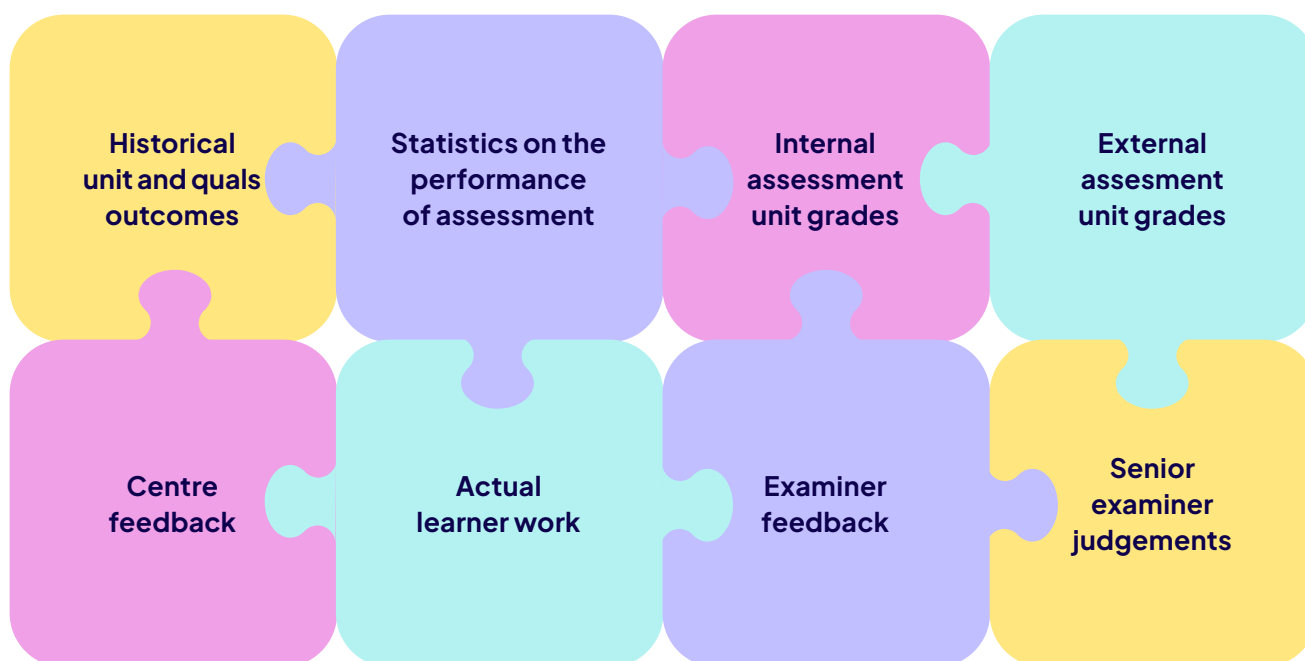


Grades and grade boundaries

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.

Grade boundaries

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:



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

For BTEC Tech Award (2022) results for 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 results, please visit our [Teaching, Learning and Assessment](#) support page or you can [contact us](#).