

BTEC Tech Award Assessment and Results – **Schools Guide**

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Introduction to BTEC Tech Awards (2022)

The BTEC Tech Awards (2022) were redeveloped and designed to meet the Department for Education's latest requirements for Key Stage 4 performance tables in England.

They are broad, high-quality Level 1 / Level 2 qualifications in non EBacc subjects, designed for Key Stage 4 learners in schools to study alongside GCSEs.

The table summarises the key similarities and differences between the BTEC Tech Awards (2022) and the legacy BTEC Tech Award (2017) qualifications.

BTEC Tech Awards (2017)	BTEC Tech Awards (2022)
3 Components	3 Components (except Art & Design which has 2 Components)
1 External component	**1 External component which has a terminal rule, meaning this is sat at the end of the qualification
2 Internal components that could be set by centres and quality assured through Standards Verification	**2 Internal components. These are set by Pearson and must have marks (not just grades based). Quality assured through external moderation
Grading Structure: Qualification grades L2D* - L1P (and unclassified) External component grades L2D - L1P (and unclassified) Internal component grades L2D - L1P note no L1D (and unclassified)	Grading Structure: Qualification grades L2D* - L1P (and unclassified) External and internal component grades L2D - L1P (and unclassified)
Must obtain a minimum of L1P in each component to achieve a qualification grade	There is no longer a requirement for achieving a minimum L1P at component level

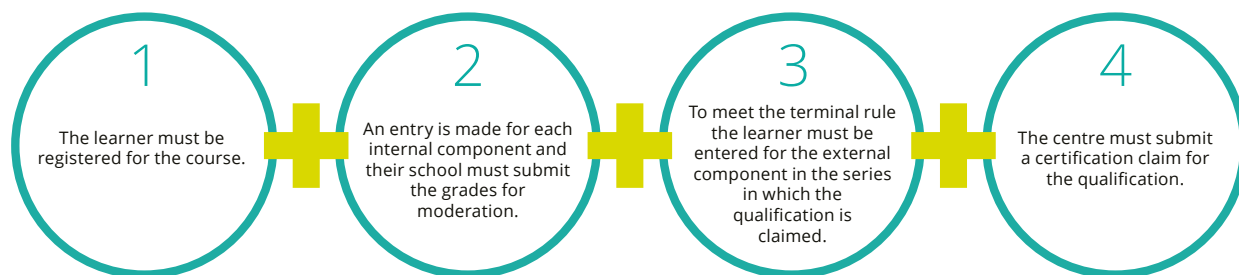
** These differences are changes which all awarding organisations have implemented in order for qualifications to be included in performance tables.

→ [Read our overview of BTEC Tech Award \(2022\) qualifications](#)

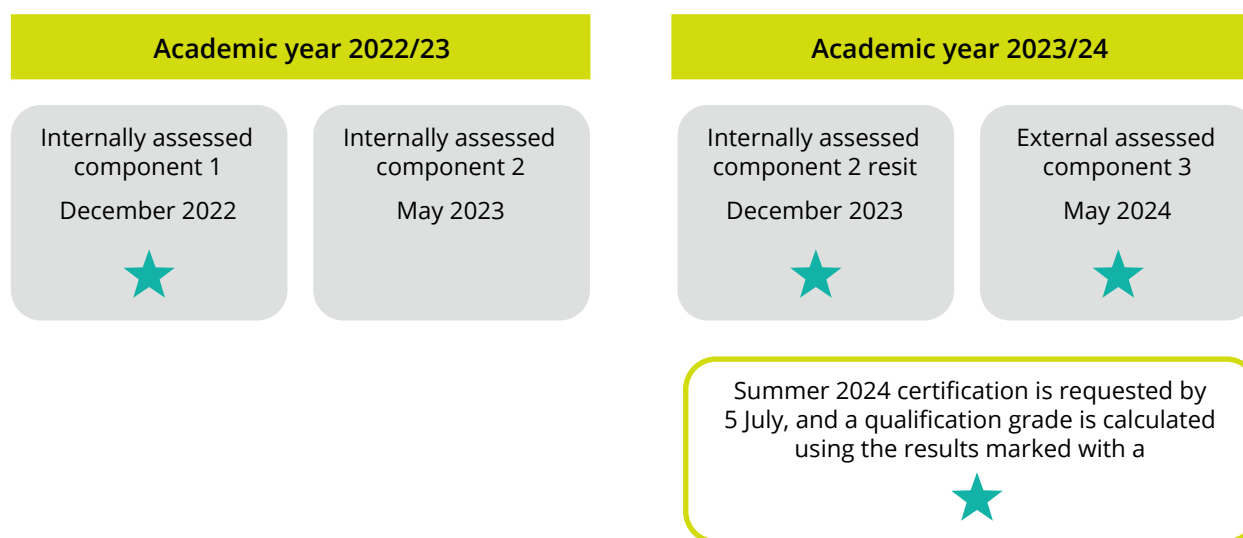


How BTEC qualification grades are awarded

These qualifications are made up of 60% internally assessed components, which are assessed by you and externally moderated and awarded by Pearson. External assessed components (40% of the qualification) are set, marked, and awarded by Pearson. To award a qualification result, the following stages must be completed:



The diagram below shows an example of a learner completing a BTEC Tech Award (2022)¹, the components making up the qualification, the support available and the key milestone dates:



A learner's best results for their internally assessment components are used to award their qualification grade. Only the result from the externally assessed component, which is sat in the series in which certification is requested, is used to award their qualification grade. This is the case even if there is a better result from a previous series.

→ [Read more about certification options](#)

¹BTEC Tech Award (2022) Art & Design only has two components.



Terminal Rule and resits

The terminal assessment rule requires learners to take the external assessment at the end of their qualification (the series in which the learner certificates). This means that learners must sit internal component assessments either prior to or in the same series as the external assessment to fulfil this terminal rule.

If a learner chooses to retake an internal assessment in a series after they sat the terminal external assessment, they will also need to resit the external component to satisfy the terminal rule.

Learners are allowed one retake of each internal component, and one resit of the external assessment within the programme.

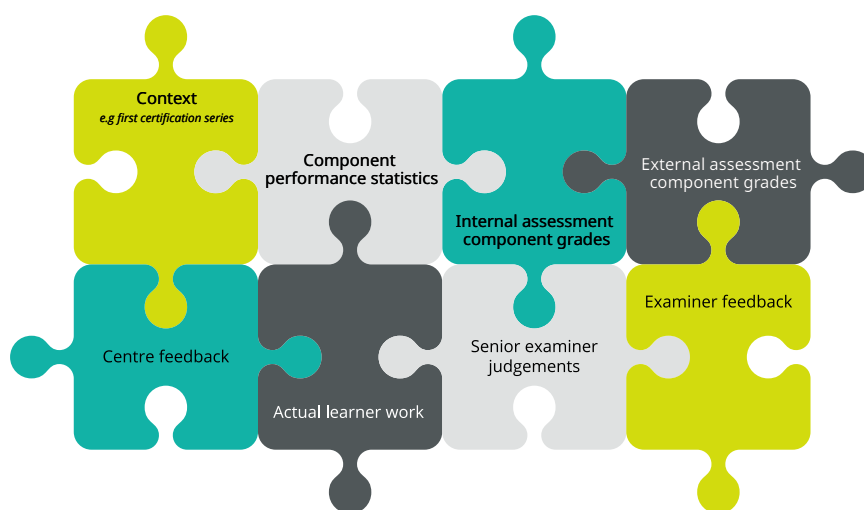


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How we set Grade Boundaries for Assessments in Summer 2024



A group of subject and technical experts set grade boundaries (the number of marks needed to achieve a certain grade) after each 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. Types of evidence subject experts look at includes



→ [Read more about understanding BTEC Tech Award \(2022\) results](#)

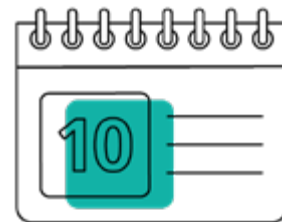
Can I expect the grade boundaries and standards to be similar or different to the legacy qualifications?

It is always difficult to compare grade boundaries between old and new qualifications in a meaningful way. For BTEC Tech Awards (2022), these are the main reasons why comparisons need to be treated with caution.

- 1. The number of learners and centres offering these qualifications has changed.** Centres have not only transitioned from the legacy BTEC Tech Awards, but also from the BTEC First Award qualifications. This means that grade distributions from other qualifications may not be directly comparable.
- 2. Changes in the assessment structure and delivery** for both internal and external components such as maximum marks for the assessments, question types, format. The legacy qualifications had internal assessments that were grades based, these will now have changed to marks-based assessments.
- 3. The grading structure has changed** and there is now a requirement for the external component to be sat in the terminal series when certification (cash-in) is requested.
- 4. The standards for legacy qualifications were never fully established** and many were awarded during the Covid years when the arrangements for awarding and grading were different.

→ [Find out more from the JCQ about awarding Technical qualifications](#)

Term-time checkpoint deadlines and key dates



This year we have worked in partnership with schools 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, declaring which students should expect to receive a result in 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 in 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 in August.

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

Key dates

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

5 July	Tech Award certification claim deadline You must have made a certification claim before 5 July for all learners who are expecting to receive a result in August 2023. If you haven't, we will be unable to guarantee your learners will receive a result in August.
16 August	Release of BTEC Tech Award (2022) results to centres under embargo
22 August	BTEC Tech Award (2022) results issued to students

→ [For further information please see our key dates timeline](#)

Appeals and further support



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](#).



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