

Redeveloped BTEC Tech Awards for first teaching from September 2022

In September 2020 the Department for Education published the technical guidance for KS4 qualifications to be included in 2024 performance tables in England. To meet these new requirements, Pearson has submitted re-developed BTEC Tech Award qualifications for approval for 2024 performance tables. The chart below summarises how current BTEC Tech Awards are changing as a result of the new guidance.

Current Tech Awards		Re-developed Tech Awards from 2022
Qualification structure	Simple 3 component structure: 2 internally assessed and 1 externally assessed	Most of our re-developed Tech Awards have retained this structure.
Teaching and Learning Content	Vocationally relevant and clear content, with optionality built in for subjects with multiple specialisms	We've retained content in its current form for most subjects, with changes made to increase clarity and enhance delivery and assessment. For subjects new to the Tech Awards, we've based content on what you told us you liked best about the BTEC Firsts.
Internal Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded by teacher/assessors internally using Learning Aim criteria and verified by Pearson through Standards Verification. Assignments for summative assessment can be set by teachers or based on our Authorised Assignment Briefs. 	<p>To meet new DfE requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all assessments must be marked internally by the teacher/ assessor through numerical means and moderated externally. Assignments used for summative assessment must be set by the awarding organisation. <p>We've developed mark schemes based on current learning aims and will provide training on using them. We have also created engaging assignments which will be released each year with plenty of time for preparation and assessment to suit your programme timetable.</p> <p>Our moderation process will give you opportunity to correct any issues with marking and will create a significant reduction in administration and paperwork.</p>
External Assessment	Externally assessed components contribute 40% to the qualification grade.	We already meet new DfE requirements for 40% external assessment, however the externally assessed component must now be taken at the end of the programme to meet new terminal assessment requirements. Most centres currently deliver in this way, so it will mean no change.

Tech Awards at a glance

Course level: Level 1 and level 2

Course size: 120 GLH, same as a GCSE

For: Key Stage 4 students in England and Northern Ireland

Progress 8: Anticipated as non-EBacc 'open group course' on Key Stage 4 List (from first results 2022)

What happens next?

The timeline for the changes to our BTEC Tech Award qualifications is as follows:



*first assessment May/June 2024 for task-based external assessments in Creative sector qualifications