

BTEC Customer Briefing January-February 2021



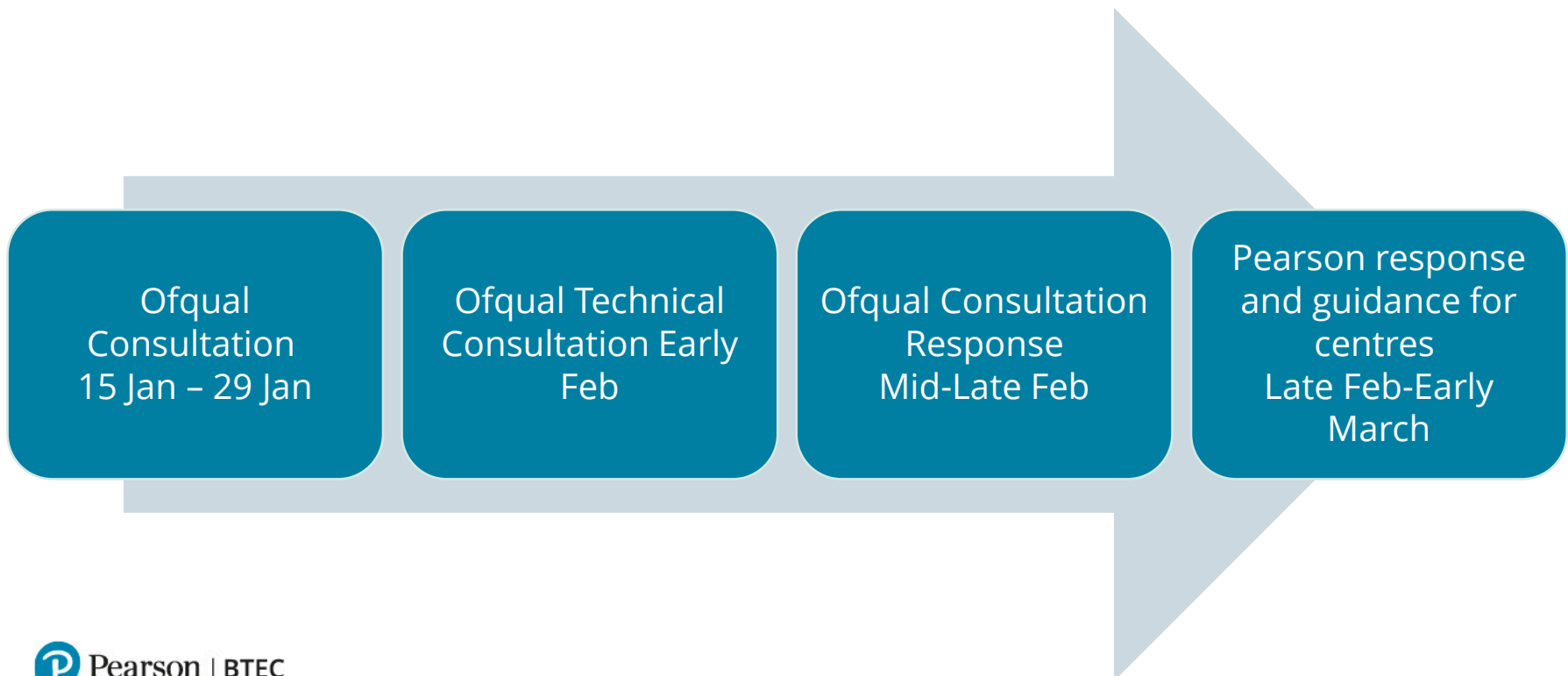
Support session for
centres running **BTEC**
Entry Level to Level 3
courses

Agenda

- Vocational and Technical Qualifications timeline
- Consultations
- Exam and external assessment cancellations
- SV Process
- Adaptations
- Teaching and Learning Support

Timeline

Centres should continue to deliver their teaching and learning and conduct internal assessment where possible and in line with their assessment plans.



Consultation on alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021

Part A

it is not viable for external exams to go ahead for some Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs) and other general qualifications.

Ofqual: seeking views on VTQ qualifications most similar to GCSE/AS/A levels that received CAG's in summer 2020.

What does this mean for BTEC?

Last summer this included:

- *Nationals*
- *Firsts*
- *Tech Awards*
- *Level 2 Technicals*
- *Level 1 and below*

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Part B

alternative regulatory arrangements to allow awarding organisations to issue results if assessments do not take place.

Ofqual Proposals

Awarding organisations -

- continue to offer adapted assessments for those qualifications in scope
- award qualifications where learners have not been able to complete all assessments.

For qualifications that demonstrate occupational competency or act as a licence to practise: Extended ERF continues

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The proposed new alternative regulatory arrangements would allow awarding organisations to:

- develop an **approach to awarding** qualifications on the basis of incomplete assessment evidence.
- consider their **minimum evidential requirement** for awarding these qualifications to ensure sufficient validity and reliability.
- consider **where they need additional assessment evidence** from teachers and what form this should take.

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Ofqual

- expect awarding organisations to use **similar approaches** to assessment and awarding qualifications most similar to GCSE/AS/A Level.
- expect awarding organisations to be **mindful of the burden** their approach places on centres and learners, and to provide clear and timely advice and guidance
- require awarding organisations **to issue certificates (where appropriate) as normal**

Consultation on alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021

The [consultation](#) closes on the
29 January 2021.

What does this mean for BTECs?

- A technical consultation will follow the VTQ consultation
- Pearson guidance to centres after the response is issued:
 - updates to administration arrangements
 - clear timelines for activities required before results can be issued
- BTEC external entries deadline: 25 March. We advise you to wait until after the consultation response before making any external entries.
- We will be in contact re: accurate completion dates and 'banked' internal grades
- We expect BTEC results to be issued in line with GQ results dates.

External Assessments (exams, external tasks)

- January exams
- On-demand tests for BTEC Firsts
- February and March exams
- Summer External Assessments
- BTEC examinations that contribute to qualifications that include a Licence to Practise (e.g. Childcare) may still go ahead
- All pre-released task based assessments for spring and summer removed from website

Expectations whilst we wait for the outcomes of the consultation

Our recommendations for centres:

- Continue to teach and assess what they can under the current lockdown restrictions
- Partial unit assessment
- **'Bank'** learners' internal assessment grades within our systems throughout course delivery (using the 'Interim claim' function)
- **Standards Verification** process is going ahead as planned in 2020/21
- Examination **entries do not need to be withdrawn**

SV Process expectations for 2021

BTEC standards verification in 2021

- will continue as planned
- SV's in a supportive role
- Pearson to verify assessment decisions that have taken place with challenges to teaching, learning and assessment
- We remain committed to current SV sampling timelines ie
 - close SV window by 30 June
 - centre claims submission by 5 July 2021
- We will provide further information following Ofqual consultation outcomes

Adaptations to qualifications

[Support in teaching and assessing in 2021](#)

can be found on the Teaching and assessment 2020/21 webpage.

Here you will find:

- Sector specific teaching and assessment guidance
- Adaptations to assessments
- Work placement and simulation guidance
- Latest available support and further adaptations to qualifications

Reduced Assessment

Two types of reduced assessment:

- **Unit adaptation**
the amount of evidence a learner needs to produce is reduced
- **Reduced internal unit assessment**
in some qualifications a centre can choose not to formally assess a certain amount of units

Reduced Assessment

Who does it apply to?

In how many units can I reduce assessment?

Does it apply to all qualifications?

Do we need to make use of the internal unit adaptation?

Do we have to use reduce assessment adaptation?

How will the grade be calculated for these units?

Teaching and Learning support and resources

- **Teaching and Assessment 2020/2021** - all resources, news updates, FAQs and guidance for 2020/21 located in one place
- **Sector Teaching and Learning Guides** - designed to offer you guidance on how you might adapt delivery of BTEC qualifications from September 2020.



BTEC Nationals
 BTEC Firsts
 BTEC Level 2
 Technicals
 BTEC Level 2 Industry
 Skills
 BTEC Tech Awards
 BTEC Entry Level and
 Level Introductory
 Workskills, PSD,
 Personal Growth and
 Wellbeing

Teaching and Learning support and resources

- [VQ Bulletin Archive](#) – Regular email which signposts any further guidance and support available - [Sign up to receive the VQ bulletin](#)
- [BTEC FAQ on website](#) - These are updated regularly when we get new questions from centres
- [BTEC Online Blended Learning courses](#) - CPD sessions to support BTEC teachers, tutors and trainers to deliver engaging learning online/remotely
- [Student and Teacher Resources](#) To deliver engaging teaching and prepare your students for assessment

Breakout rooms – what to expect

At the end of this presentation and short FAQ session, you will see an option to self-select a subject specific breakout room

Each Breakout will be led by Pearson subject team members

- Pre submitted questions will be addressed
- Attendees will be able to ask questions
- Opportunity to share experiences and concerns
- We may not have all the answers but will get back to you after the event /consultation with further guidance and next steps

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