

Delivering BTEC during Coronavirus (COVID-19)



September 2020 to August 2021

Applied Law

Guidance for BTEC Nationals and Level 2 Law & Legal Work

Teaching and learning guidance

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Introduction

It is expected that COVID-19 will continue to impact upon teaching, learning and assessment through the academic year, impacting those learners who are part-way through their qualifications and those who are commencing this academic year. We are committed to ensuring that learners continue to benefit from the breadth of content of BTEC qualifications through adaptations in teaching and learning.

This document is intended to provide you with guidance for how you **might adapt delivery** for the sector's BTEC qualifications in the academic year of 2020-2021.

We continue to work with our regulators and relevant sector bodies on any possible adaptations or accommodations in line with the OFQUAL and DfE consultations.

Key aspects such as social distancing, safety, lost teaching time, subject content and practical activities have been considered from a sector perspective for your reference. However, it should be noted that all of the guidance provided here must only be followed within the context of the guidance issued by your own centre, relevant governing and industry bodies, local and national government.

For further advice and guidance, please refer to the Teaching, Learning and Assessment pages on [Pearson's website](#) or contact us [via the Customer Support portal](#).

We look forward to continuing to support you and your learners throughout this challenging time and wish you well for the coming year.



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Overview: Applied Law

Adaptations to Assessments in 2021

Please refer to the assessment section on the [2020/2021 Teaching and Assessment page](#), for adaptations to assessments and qualifications for the 2021 Academic Year. Here you will find:

- External Assessment Adaptations
- Tech Award Assessment Evidence Adaptations
- Work Experience and Employer Engagement
- Exam timetables
- FAQs

Please note that not all qualifications will be adapted, and it is important that you refer to the relevant adaptation guidance for 2021

Some qualifications will not be adapted for one of the following reasons:

- An adaptation would impact the reliability and validity of the qualification
- The qualification is a licence to practice or primary purpose is progression to the workplace

Please note all adaptations apply to assessments completed by 31 July 2021.



Social Distance and Safety

The delivery of teaching and learning of Applied Law will not be affected by COVID-19 in the main, however social distance and safety considerations will impact the ability of centres to engage learners in practical activities such as court visits, and ability to engage professionals in classroom discussion. This could be mitigated, however, through the use of online resources and video conferencing.

Lost time teaching

As a highly content driven subject, lost teaching time may continue to impact on learning. The use of blended learning, online teaching and face to face teaching would mitigate this, however this would be reliant on provision of suitable access for all learners in order to prevent disadvantage. In terms of skill development, there will be crossover of all units as the skillset is applied to a variety of contexts.

Flexibility of delivery and assessment

Content and topics should continue to be taught as found in the specification. Centres may wish to revisit schemes of work in light of any adapted timetabling to ensure that the learning of key concepts are supported through face to face teaching wherever possible. The scheduling of unit delivery can be reviewed as necessary in the Assessment Plan for the programme. This is a working document that can flex to reflect the opportunities available and any challenges that may be present within the centre.



Teaching and learning guidance

Unit Title	Remote delivery (✓ X)	Socially distanced (✓ X)	Comments	Main Type of Evidence
BTEC Nationals Applied Law (2017 RQF)				
Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law Unit 3: Applying the Law	✓	✓	<p>Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning as required.</p> <p>These externally assessed units should continue to be delivered in preparation for the two available assessment series.</p>	Knowledge and application
Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System	✓	✓	<p>Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.</p> <p>Delivery of this mandatory internally-assessed unit could be split into four sections to allow regular opportunities for learning to be consolidated and applied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making laws 2. EU Law 3. Criminal Courts and sentencing 4. Non-fatal Offences <p>Further support is available in the Notes to Assessors section of the updated Authorised Assignment Briefs as found on the Pearson website here.</p>	Knowledge and application



Unit 4: Aspects of Family Law	✓	✓	Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.	Knowledge and application
Unit 5: Consumer Law	✓	✓	Centres may wish to review the optional unit chosen to ensure it is still appropriate for the cohort.	
Unit 6: Contract Law	✓	✓		
Unit 7: Aspects of Tort	✓	✓	Further support is available in the Notes to Assessors section of the updated Authorised Assignment Briefs as found on the Pearson website here .	



BTEC Level 3 Applied Law (QCF)				
Unit 1: Dispute Solving and the Legal System	✓	✓	Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.	Knowledge and application
Unit 2: Understanding Law Making	✓	✓	Assessment of these mandatory units can be staggered to ensure that evidence of achievement is banked as the course progresses.	
Unit 3: Aspects of Legal Liability	✓	✓	Where presentations are required there is an opportunity for learners to provide videos / produce vlogs.	
Unit 4: Unlawful Homicide & Police Powers	✓	✓	Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.	Knowledge and application
Unit 5: Aspects of Property Offences & Police Powers	✓	✓	Assessment of these optional units can be staggered to ensure that evidence of achievement is banked as the course progresses.	
Unit 6: Contract Law	✓	✓		
Unit 7: Consumer Law	✓	✓		
Unit 8: Aspects of Tort Law	✓	✓		
Unit 9: Aspects of Employment Law	✓	✓		
Unit 10: Aspects of Family Law	✓	✓		



Level 2 Law and Legal Work (QCF)				
Unit 1: The English Legal System	✓	✓	<p>Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.</p> <p>Assessment of this mandatory unit can be staggered to ensure that evidence of achievement is banked as the course progresses.</p> <p>Where presentations are required there is an opportunity for learners to provide videos / produce vlogs.</p>	Knowledge
Unit 2: Police and their Powers	✓	✓	Content delivery can be completed though social distancing / remote learning.	Knowledge and application
Unit 3: Legal Requirement for Business Formation	✓	✓	Assessment of these optional units can be staggered to ensure that evidence of achievement is banked as the course progresses.	
Unit 4: Criminal Law and Procedure	✓	✓		
Unit 5: Aspects of Consumer Protection Law and Practice	✓	✓		
Unit 6: Aspects of Family Welfare Law and Practice	✓	✓		
Unit 7: Aspects of Law Making	✓	✓		