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Proposed adaptations for BTEC assessments 2021

We know you want to confirm arrangements for assessment this year and we are keen to support you through this.

This paper outlines the approach we propose to take in adapting our BTEC qualifications, including those on Performance Tables, to help you and your learners reduce the impact of lost teaching and learning time while meeting any public health concerns. We have submitted this proposed approach to Ofqual and the DfE for review and in line with the [joint statement](#) recently released by Ofqual, we expect to start issuing final details on our adaptation approach for all our BTEC qualifications **by 23 October 2020**.

The principles underpinning our approach to adaptation are:

- All content needs to be taught so learners are prepared to progress to their next educational step.
- Centres should teach and assess mandatory units first.
- All learners need to complete external assessments and mandatory internal assessments.
- Some qualifications will have a reduced number of assessments, based on their structure and purpose, to free up time for teaching and learning.
- Where appropriate, some external and internal assessments will have adaptations to the evidence required, to reflect continued disruptions and public health guidance.

In addition, we will ask centres to 'bank' learner's achieved internal assessment grades onto our systems throughout course delivery, rather than waiting to submit grades at the end of the academic year, to mitigate against future disruptions.

Below we have shown how we will apply these principles to some of our suites:

Level 3 RQF Nationals (2016 – 2020)

Qualification size	Reduced Assessments
Certificate (180 GLH)	None
Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	60 GLH – 1 optional unit
Foundation Diploma (510/ 540 GLH)	60 GLH – 1 optional unit
Diploma (720 GLH)	120 GLH – 2 optional units
Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	120 GLH – 2 optional units

Additional information

Creatives qualifications

In addition, for the BTEC Level 3 Creatives Nationals, we expect to adapt the external assessments through the earlier release of tasks, extended assessment windows and/or a reduction in required assessment evidence.

Science qualifications

In addition, for the BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Science (RQF) - Unit 3, we intend to remove the practical requirement of the assessment.

Level 3 QCF Nationals (2010)

Qualification size	Reduced assessments – amount of credit
Certificate (180 GLH)	None
Subsidiary Diploma (360 GLH)	10 Credit
90-Credit Diploma (540 GLH)	10 Credit
Diploma (720 GLH)	20 Credit
Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	20 Credit

Tech Awards Performance Table Qualifications

BTEC Tech Awards

As our BTEC Tech Awards have 100% mandatory content the component assessments will be streamlined for the 2020/21 academic year.

Adaptation to Internal Assessments

We intend to streamline the assessments by reducing the evidence required to meet the assessment criteria for the two internally assessed components.

In some subjects, the assessment evidence will also be adjusted to reflect the impact of social distancing measures and public health guidance.

Adaptations to External Assessments

External assessments for the following qualifications will be adapted through the earlier release of tasks, extended assessment windows and/or a reduction in required assessment evidence:

- BTEC Tech Awards in Art and Design, Performing Arts, Creative Media and Music Practice.

BTEC First Awards (120 GLH)

There will be a reduction in assessment: 1 optional unit will not need to be assessed.

Entry Level and Level 1 BTEC

For our Entry through to Level 1 BTEC provision there are no proposed adaptations to assessment, we will be issuing additional delivery support to our website for these qualifications shortly.

Level 2 Technical and BTEC Industry Skills qualifications

These qualifications are taken in one year and assessments will not be adapted.

BTEC Firsts Non-Performance Table qualifications

Qualification size	Reduced Assessments
First Awards (120 GLH)	1 optional unit
First Certificate (180/ 240 GLH)	1 optional unit
Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	2 optional units
Diploma (480 GLH)	2 optional units

Work Experience

Work Experience requirements will be relaxed in most sectors.

Further details with regards to the minimum hours of work experience for Childcare qualifications is still under discussion with the relevant licensing authorities.

We will begin to communicate adaption details for all our suites at a qualification level by October 23, 2020. We recommend that you continue to teach and assess mandatory content first.