Managing absence in BTEC external assessments
The confirmed policy position is that exams and assessments will go ahead in 2021/22

- **Learner has partially completed an external assessment due to illness or other disruption** (relating only to Part B, Part S or timetabled exams)
  - Submit partial assessment evidence to Pearson
  - Special consideration may apply

- **Learner is shielding and/or vulnerable and/or unable to access school/college due to COVID-19 – but is fit to attempt assessment**
  - Is alternative accommodation viable in line with JCQ ICE?
    - Yes
      - Complete assessment using alternative arrangements.
      - Request reasonable adjustments and other exceptional arrangements by contacting us
    - No
      - Defer assessment to next possible opportunity as appropriate

- **Learner unable to complete planned external assessment due to illness, or regional disruption due to COVID-19**
  - Can assessment reasonably be deferred?
    - Yes
      - Defer assessment to next possible opportunity as appropriate
    - No
      - Special consideration may apply if minimum requirements are met

- **Learners unable to complete planned external assessment due to a government announcement that exams are no longer viable**
  - Contingency arrangements may be triggered at this point, depending on the specific situation
  - In this case, Pearson will provide further guidance when the relevant information from government and Ofqual (and other regulators) is confirmed

If you need any support, we are here to help.
Please use the **Pearson Support Portal** to contact us.

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