

Appeals guidance for BTEC students

You can find handy guidance and information about BTEC results this year, on our student pages [here](#). For BTEC learners who will use their Level 3 BTEC Nationals to progress to University please find a letter explaining the awarding process [here](#).

The awarding process for Summer 2021

This year, because of the impact of COVID-19 on learning and assessment, Awarding Organisations (like Pearson) have been permitted by government to accept Teacher Assessed Grades, to enable the award of qualification results. BTECs that are most similar in purpose to GCSEs and A-Levels will receive results based on a Teacher Assessed Grades and you can find out if your BTEC qualification will have this mitigation on Ofqual's [qualification explainer tool](#).

This means that your school or college has put forward a qualification-level grade judgement which has been quality checked by Pearson, and will be issued to certificating BTEC learners on the following dates:

- **Level 3 BTEC Nationals:** 10 August
- **Level 1/2 BTEC Firsts, Tech Awards and Level 2 Technicals:** 12 August

We've been working closely with schools and colleges over the past few months

to ensure that your teachers and tutors have the guidance they need to enable sufficiently valid and reliable judgements to be made. Your grade will be based on your performance in your chosen BTEC, and can also take into account any assessment you have completed. It also permits the use of alternative evidence, like classwork and homework, to enable a judgement that reflects the standard you are performing at. The judgement is made at qualification-level meaning no unit-level results will be issued this year. Centres have been required to evidence judgements with examples of actual learner performance.

BTEC teachers and tutors are very familiar with teacher-assessment which is quality assured by Pearson, meaning teachers have been very well-placed to make Qualification-level Teacher Assessed Grade judgements for BTEC this year. Your teacher or tutor will have spoken to you about the evidence they have used to make the judgement, and as such you will have a shared understanding of the evidence being used.

Results Day

Once you have received your results, you may want to discuss them with your teacher or tutor. If you are worried or concerned, your school or college are there to support you, and will be best placed to advise on your options and next steps. This might include explaining the evidence used to reach the judgement, explaining options for resits (if you are 'topping up' to a larger sized BTEC next year) and finally the possibility of requesting a centre review.

Before considering requesting a centre review, you should discuss this with your teacher or tutor. BTEC learners must confirm their understanding that grades are not protected, meaning a grade could go down, stay the same, or increase.



Process for making an appeal

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has released guidance relating to the [grounds for appeals](#) which applies to BTEC qualifications. You can find a supplementary document for BTEC [here](#).

Need help?

We are very aware that you may need extra support throughout this time and there are several ways you can keep up to date or contact us. You can follow [@BTECStudents](#) or check our [student webpage](#) which are both updated regularly with the latest information. If you have any specific questions for us, you can [contact us](#), where live chat is also available, or phone us on 0345 618 0440. Phone lines will open at 8:30am on Results Days.

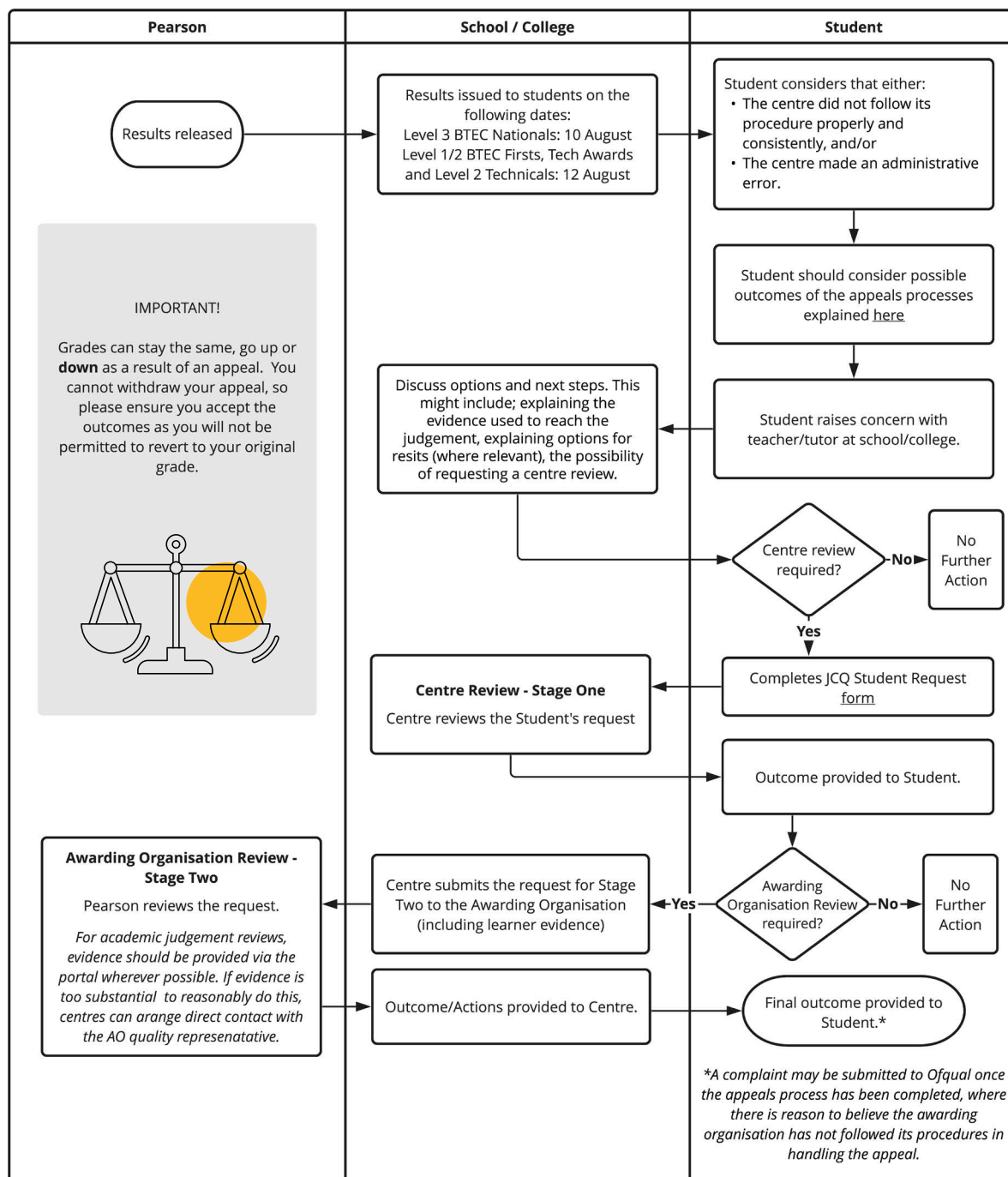


Timelines and deadlines for Centre Reviews and Appeals

| Dates | Stage 1 Centre Review <i>It is recommended that Learners should raise with their centre by</i> | Stage 2 Awarding Organisation Review <i>If the request progressed to Stage 2, the Centre should raise with the Awarding Organisations</i> |
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| Priority Appeals for Level 3 only* | 16 August 2021 | 10 - 23 August |
| All other cases for Level 3 | 3 September 2021 | 10 August - 17 September 2021 |
| All cases for Level 2 | 3 September 2021 | 12 August - 17 September 2021 |

Appeals process

Appeals will happen in two stages; Stage One - Centre Review (this step must happen first) and Stage Two - Awarding Organisation review can be requested, only on completion of Stage One:



The key principles of [JCQ Appeals guidance](#) apply to BTEC with some exceptions, and the [JCQ evidence checklist](#) can be used for the BTEC appeals process. Pearson has provided centres with an [optional BTEC evidence record](#) which can be used if desired, this is completely up to the centre, and offered as support for any centre not wishing to use the JCQ, or other, templates. We'd encourage all centres and learners to use the [JCQ Student Request Form](#).