



# Summer 2020 results day

Student and parent guide for Pearson BTEC vocational qualifications

# Your results

Your guide to how we calculated your results this year.

### Your next steps

Advice on what to do next if your results aren't as expected.

## FAQs and useful links

Frequently asked questions and links to useful information

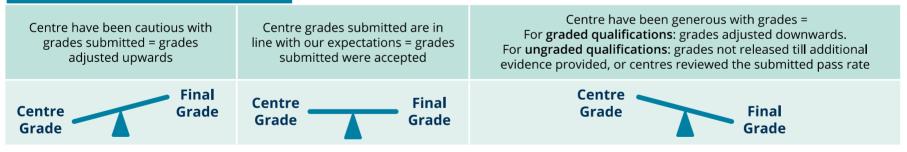
# How we calculated your grades this year

We know this has been an exceptional and at times difficult year for you with your summer assessment(s) being cancelled. Please rest assured, we have been working closely with your teachers and Ofqual (the qualifications regulator) to make sure the grades you receive this year will be just as valid as previous years and enable you take your next steps whether that's to further education, university, an apprenticeship or employment. We wish you all the best with your studies, results and progression plans.

#### **Standardisation**

Your teachers have supplied us with results from any BTEC units you have already completed as well as what they think your likely grade(s) would be had you been able to take your final assessments. We have taken all this evidence as well as other historical information we have such as previous results and applied our statistical model, underpinned by principles set by Ofqual, in order to provide you with a final grade. This process is called standardisation and is designed to ensure the results you receive this year are an accurate and fair reflection of what you might have achieved had you been able to complete your final assessments. If we felt grading judgements in some schools and colleges (centres) appeared more generous or severe, we have adjusted these accordingly - see the diagram below:

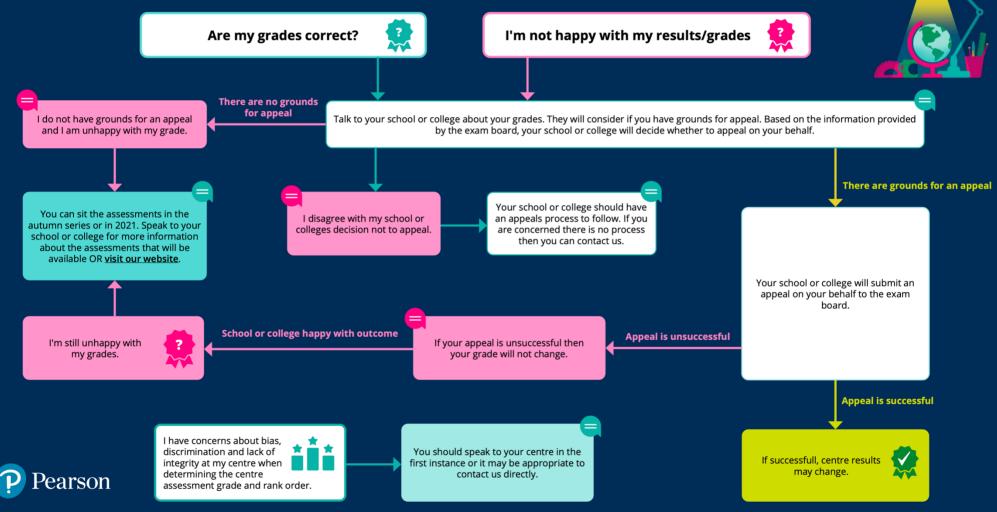
### Making adjustments to grades



We can confirm that we have accepted approximately 98% of submitted grades for BTEC Level 3 Nationals. Where adjustments (up/down) were made, this was on the basis of strong statistical evidence. This year's results will be broadly in line with previous years' outcomes. This reflects the long history of tutor assessment, which is at the heart of BTEC qualifications, as well as the fact you have completed many of the units and assessments.

# What to do next if your grades are not as expected

# 2020 results decision map for students



### **Frequently asked questions and useful links**

With so many things to think about on results day, we've put together a selection of links we thought you may find helpful:



Take a look at our dedicated webpage giving you easy access to the information you need including:

- frequently asked questions
- **a letter to you** from our Senior Vice President, Cindy Rampersaud
- **a short video** on how we calculated your results this year
- range of helpful links

### > Find out more

# BTEC learner FAQs

Here's a quick link to our BTEC FAQs page.

Here you'll find the latest and most frequently asked questions that we've received from BTEC learners along with our detailed responses and advice.

### Other useful links

#### **Ofqual links:**

- Ofqual student guide
- <u>Ofqual Summer and Autumn</u> <u>qualification Explainer Tool</u> (next external assessment opportunity)

### **UCAS links:**

- <u>Clearing service</u>
- Clearing Plus service
- Advice and guidance
- <u>Pearson's detailed results video</u> presented by Derek Richardson, Responsible Officer at Pearson.

### > Find out more