



**BRANNEL SCHOOL**

**BTEC ASSESSMENT  
APPEALS  
PROCEDURE**

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Brannel School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

**The purpose of this policy is:**

- To enable the learner to enquire, question or appeal against an assessment decision.
- To attempt to reach agreement between the learner and the assessor at the earliest opportunity.
- To standardise and record any appeal to ensure openness and fairness.
- To facilitate a learner's ultimate right of appeal to the awarding body, where appropriate. To protect the interests of all learners and the integrity of the qualification.

In order to do this, the centre will:

- inform the learner at induction, of the Appeals Policy and procedure
- record, track and validate any appeal
- forward the appeal to the awarding body when a learner considers that a decision continues to disadvantage her/him after the internal appeals process has been exhausted
- keep appeals records for inspection by the awarding body for a minimum of 18 months
- have a staged appeals procedure. See below.
- will take appropriate action to protect the interests of other learners and the integrity of the qualification, when the outcome of an appeal questions the validity of other results
- monitor appeals to inform quality improvement. All appeals at or above Stage 2 must be recorded by the QN. Records must be retained for at least 18 months

**Responsibilities**

Learner: responsible for initiating the appeals procedure, in the writing on a centre internal assessment form, within 10 days of receiving notification of their internally assessed mark, when s/he has reason to question an assessment decision.

Assessor: responsible for providing clear achievement feedback to learners. If assessment decisions are questioned, the assessor is responsible for processing the learner's appeal within the agreed time.

Internal verifier/lead internal verifier/senior management: responsible for judging whether assessment decisions are valid, fair and unbiased.

Head of Centre: responsible for submitting an appeal in writing, to Edexcel if the learner remains dissatisfied with the outcome of the centre's internal appeals procedures

## **Appeals procedure**

### **Stage 1**

Informal discussion with member of staff assessing. If a resolution is found, the member of staff should record the discussion for reference only, as part of best practice. If a resolution is not achieved, the discussion should be formally recorded and passed on to the programme leader, unless the decision under review is that of the programme leader. If this is the case, the QN or the Senior Management Line Manager for the subject area should be approached.

### **Stage 2**

Formal review. Programme leader and IV/Lead IV review the assessment decision. A written reply will be given to the learner within 2 school weeks.

### **Stage 3**

Appeal hearing. The learner must apply to the Headteacher in writing within 4 school weeks of the initiation of the stage 2 formal review. An appeal panel, appointed by the Headteacher, will meet and review the evidence. A formal response will be given to the learner.

### **Stage 4**

External appeal: The grounds for appeal and any supporting documentation must be submitted by the centre to Edexcel within 14 days of the completion of Stage 4: a fee is levied.

## Internal appeals form

Please tick box to indicate the nature of your appeal and complete all white boxes on the form below

| FOR CENTRE USE ONLY |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Date received       |  |
| Reference No.       |  |

- Appeal against an internal assessment decision and/or request for a review of marking
- Appeal against the centre's decision not to support a clerical check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal

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|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Name of appellant</b> |  | <b>Candidate name</b><br>if different to appellant |  |
| <b>Awarding body</b>     |  | <b>Exam paper code</b>                             |  |
| <b>Subject</b>           |  | <b>Exam paper title</b>                            |  |

Please state the grounds for your appeal below

*(If applicable, tick below)*

- Where my appeal is against an internal assessment decision I wish to request a review of the centre's marking

*If necessary continue on an additional page if this form is being completed electronically or overleaf if hard copy being completed*

Appellant signature:

Date of signature:

**This form must be signed, dated and returned to the exams officer on behalf of the head of centre to the timescale indicated in the relevant appeals procedure**