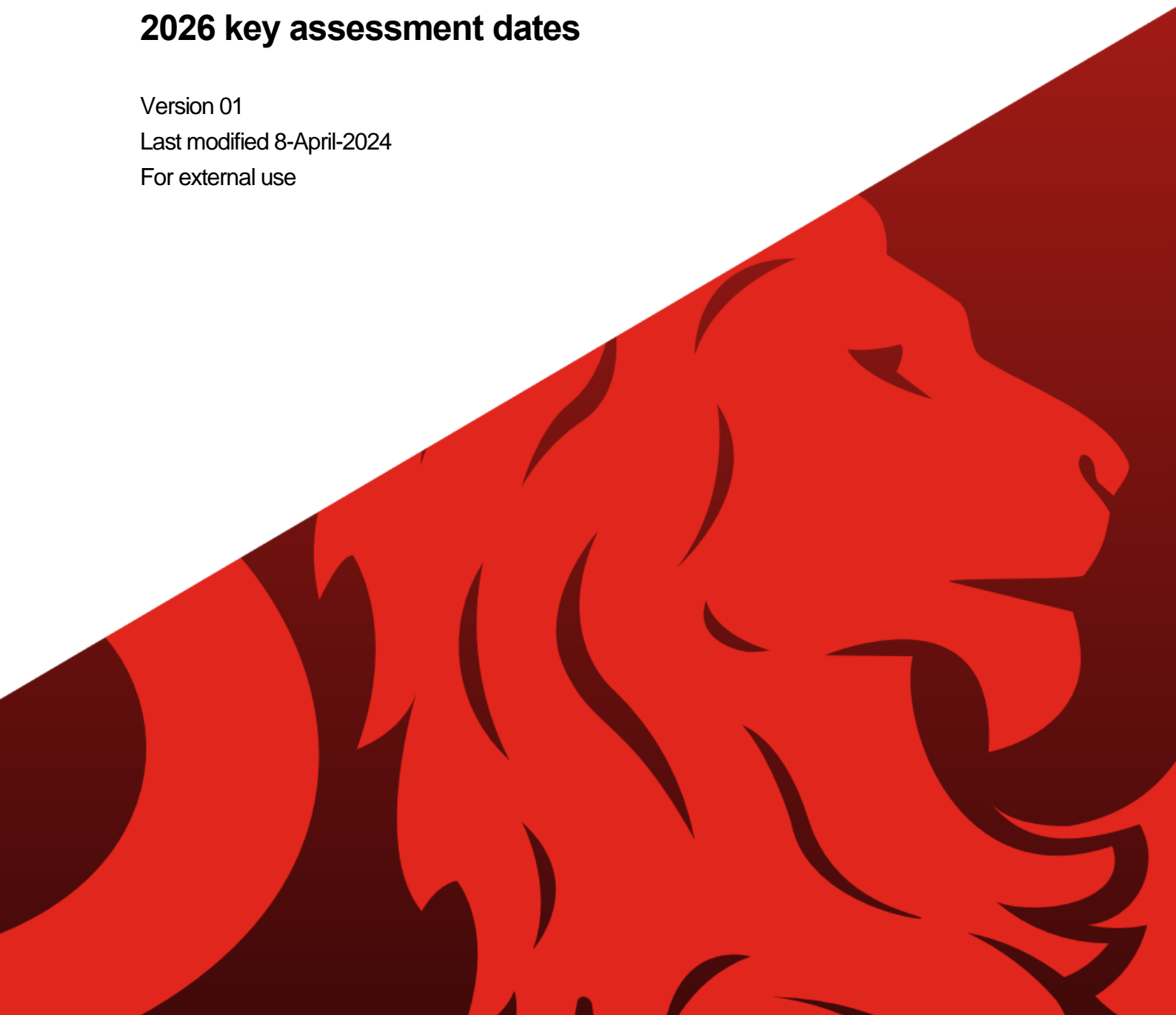# Proposed key assessment dates

Consultation with T Level Providers:
2026 key assessment dates

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Within this document we have provided draft key assessment dates for summer and autumn 2026 for the below City & Guilds T Level Technical Qualifications (TQs):

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We are seeking feedback from providers on these dates from those involved in the delivery of these TQs, e.g., from tutors, curriculum managers and exams officers.

The feedback form can be accessed via the QR code below, or by clicking on this link to the [consultation feedback form](#).

The deadline to provide feedback is Friday 26 April 2024.

Finalised key dates schedules will be published on Monday 01 July 2024.

Construction: Building Services Engineering and Onsite Construction

Proposed dates: Summer Series 2026

	Construction	
	Building Services Engineering (BSE)	**Onsite Construction**
Standard Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Mon 17 Nov 2025	
Late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tues 18 Nov 2025 **until** Mon 15 Dec 2025	
Very late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tues 16 Dec 2025 **until** Fri 09 Jan 2026	
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	Mon 05 Jan 2026	
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Mon 19 Jan 2026	
Occupational Specialism window	**From** Mon 02 Feb **until** Fri 15 May 2026	
Standard Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Mon 16 Feb 2026	
Late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Tues 17 Feb 2026 **until** Thurs 05 March 2026	
Very late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 06 March 2026 **until** Mon Fri 20 March 2026	
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 23 Mar 2026	
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 30 Mar **until** Fri 08 May 2026	

(Easter bank holidays - Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April)

	Construction	
	Building Services Engineering (BSE)	**Onsite Construction**
Standard Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Tue 31 March 2026	
Late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Wed 01 April 2026 **until** Thurs 30 April 2026	
Very late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 01 May 2026 **until** Sun 31 May 2026	
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 03 Jun 2026 09:30 – 11:30	
Core Exam Paper 2	Wed 10 Jun 2026 09:30 – 11:30	
Results available to centres	Wed 12 Aug 2026	
Results available to candidates	Thurs 13 Aug 2026	
T Level certificates and statements of achievement issued by DofE	From Aug 2026	
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates	
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Mon 21 Sept 2026	
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request	

Proposed dates: Autumn Series 2026

	Construction	
	Building Services Engineering (BSE)	**Onsite Construction**
Standard Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Tues 01 Sept 2026 **until** Wed 30 Sept 2026	
Late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Thurs 01 Oct 2026 **until** Thurs 15 Oct 2026	
Very late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Fri 16 Oct 2026 **until** Sun 25 Oct 2026	
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 26 Oct 2026	
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 02 Nov 2026 **until** Fri 27 Nov 2026	
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 25 Nov 2026 13:00 – 15:30	
Core Exam Paper 2	Wed 02 Dec 2026 13:00 – 15:30	
Results available to centres	Wed 17 March 2027	
Results available to candidates	Thurs 18 March 2027	
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates	
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Thurs 22 April 2027	
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request	

Engineering & Manufacturing

Amendments for Summer Series 2025

	Engineering and Manufacturing ESP and OS Assessments	
	Summer 2025 (Current)	Summer 2025 (Amendments)
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	Mon 17 Feb 2025	Mon 17 Feb 2025
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Mon 17 Mar 2025	Mon 10 Mar 2025
Occupational Specialism window	**From** Tue 01 Apr 2025 to Fri 16 May 2025	**From** Mon 24 Mar 2025 to Fri 16 May 2025
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 03 Mar 2025	Mon 31 Mar 2025
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 10 Mar 2025 to Fri 28 Mar 2025	**From** Tue 22 Apr 2025 to Tue 13 May 2025

(Easter bank holidays - Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April)

- The Occupational Specialism (OS) assessment window has increased from a 6-week assessment window to an 8-week assessment window. The window has been increased to accommodate for the loss of two weeks due to Easter holidays and to allow centres 6 weeks of assessment delivery time.

- The start of the Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment window moves from March to April allowing students completing their ESP during the previous autumn series, to receive their results prior to the delivery of the summer ESP assessment window, allowing an opportunity for these students to re-sit in the summer series if they choose to.

Proposed dates: Summer Series 2026

	Engineering and Manufacturing		
	Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
Standard Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Sat 06 Dec 2025		
Late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Sun 07 Dec 2025 **until** Mon 19 Jan 2026		
Very late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tue 20 Jan 2026 **until** Fri 27 Feb 2026		
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	Mon 16 Feb 2026		
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Mon 09 Mar 2026		
Occupational Specialism window	**From** Mon 23 Mar **until** Fri 15 May 2025		
Standard Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Mon 16 Feb 26		
Late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Tue 17 Feb 26 **until** Thurs 05 Mar 26		
Very late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 06 Mar 26 **until** Fri 20 Mar 26		
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 23 Mar 2026		
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 13 Apr **until** Mon 04 May 2026		

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	Engineering and Manufacturing		
	Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
Standard Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Tue 31 March 2026		
Late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Wed 01 April 2026 **until** Thurs 30 April 2026		
Very late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 01 May 2026 **until** Sun 31 May 2026		
Core Exam Paper 1	Tues 02 Jun 2026 09:30 – 12:00		
Core Exam Paper 2	Tues 09 Jun 2026 09:30 – 12:00		
Results available to centres	Wed 12 Aug 2026		
Results available to candidates	Thurs 13 Aug 2026		
T Level certificates and statements of achievement issued by DofE	From Aug 2026		
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates		
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Mon 21 Sept 2026		
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request		

Proposed dates: Autumn Series 2026

	Engineering and Manufacturing		
	Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
Standard Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Tues 01 Sept 2026 **until** Wed 30 Sept 2026		
Late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Thurs 01 Oct 2026 **until** Thurs 15 Oct 2026		
Very late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Fri 16 Oct 2026 **until** Sun 25 Oct 2026		
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 26 Oct 2026		
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 02 Nov **until** Fri 20 Nov 2026		
Core Exam Paper 1	Tues 24 Nov 2026 09:30 – 12:00		
Core Exam Paper 2	Tues 01 Dec 2026 09:30 – 12:00		
Results available to centres	Wed 17 March 2027		
Results available to candidates	Thurs 18 March 2027		
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates		
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Thurs 22 April 2027		
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request		

Management & Administration

Proposed dates: Summer Series 2026

	Business
	Management and Administration
Standard Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Mon 17 Nov 2025
Late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tues 18 Nov 2025 **until** Mon 15 Dec 2025
Very late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tues 16 Dec 2025 **until** Fri 09 Jan 2026
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	N/A
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Mon 19 Jan 2026
Occupational Specialism window	**From** Mon 02 Feb **until** Fri 15 May 2026
Standard Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Mon 16 Feb 2026
Late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Tues 17 Feb 2026 **until** Thurs 05 March 2026
Very late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 06 March 2026 **until** Mon Fri 20 March 2026
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 23 Mar 2026
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 30 Mar **until** Fri 08 May 2026

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	Business
	Management and Administration
Standard Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Tue 31 March 2026
Late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Wed 01 April 2026 **until** Thurs 30 April 2026
Very late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 01 May 2026 **until** Sun 31 May 2026
Core Exam Paper 1	Tue 02 Jun 2026 09:30 – 12:00
Core Exam Paper 2	Tue 9 Jun 2026 09:30 – 12:00
Results available to centres	Wed 12 Aug 2026
Results available to candidates	Thurs 13 Aug 2026
T Level certificates and statements of achievement issued by DofE	From Aug 2026
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Mon 21 Sept 2026
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request

Proposed dates: Autumn Series 2026

	Business
	Management and Administration
Standard Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Tues 01 Sept 2026 **until** Wed 30 Sept 2026
Late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Thurs 01 Oct 2026 **until** Thurs 15 Oct 2026
Very late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Fri 16 Oct 2026 **until** Sun 25 Oct 2026
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 26 Oct 2026
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 02 Nov **until** Fri 27 Nov 2026
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 25 Nov 2026 09:30 – 12:00
Core Exam Paper 2	Wed 02 Dec 2026 09:30 – 12:00
Results available to centres	Wed 17 Mar 2027
Results available to candidates	Thurs 18 Mar 2027
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Thurs 22 Apr 2027
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request

Agriculture, Land Management and Production

Proposed dates: Summer Series 2026

	Agriculture, Land Management and Production					
	Horticulture	**Trees & Woodland**	**Land-Based Engineering**	**Floristry**	**Crop**	**Livestock**
Standard Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Tues 07 Oct 2025		**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Wed 12 Nov 2025		**From** Thurs 02 Jan 2025 **until** Mon 31 March 2025	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Tues 07 Oct 2025
Late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Wed 08 Oct 2025 **until** Mon 20 Oct 2025		**From** Thurs 13 Nov 2025 **until** Sun 07 Dec 2025		**From** Tues 01 April 2025 **until** Wed 30 April 2025	**From** Wed 08 Oct 2025 **until** Mon 20 Oct 2025
Very late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Tues 21 Oct 2025 **until** Fri 31 Oct 2025		**From** Mon 08 Dec 2025 **until** Fri 02 Jan 2026		**From** Thurs 01 May 2025 **until** Sat 31 May 2025	**From** Tues 21 Oct 2025 **until** Fri 31 Oct 2025
Crop Production Task 1 - Release of live Occupational Specialism - Field preparation guidance	N/A				Mon 18 Nov 2024	N/A
Crop Production Task 1 - Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	N/A				Mon 08 Sept 2025	N/A
Crop Production Task 1 - Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	N/A				Mon 22 Sept 2025	N/A
Crop Production Task 1 - Occupational Specialism* Window	N/A				**From** Mon 06 Oct 2025 **to** Fri 28 Nov 2025	N/A

	Agriculture, Land Management and Production					
	Horticulture	Trees & Woodland	Land-Based Engineering	Floristry	Crop	Livestock
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	Mon 13 Oct 2025		Mon 08 Dec 2025		Mon 13 Oct 2025	
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Mon 10 Nov 2025	Mon 10 Nov 2025	Mon 12 Jan 2026	Mon 12 Jan 2026	Mon 10 Nov 2025	Mon 10 Nov 2025
Occupational Specialism window	**From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 15 May 2026		**From** Mon 02 Mar 2026 **to** Fri 15 May 2026		**From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 15 May 2026	
Standard Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Sat 07 Feb 2026					
Late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Sun 08 Feb 2026 **until** Fri 20 Feb 2026					
Very late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Sat 21 Feb 2026 **until** Fri 13 March 2026					
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 16 Mar 2026					
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 23 Mar **to** Fri 15 May 2026					

	Agriculture, Land Management and Production					
	Horticulture	**Trees & Woodland**	**Land-Based Engineering**	**Floristry**	**Crop**	**Livestock**
Standard Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Tue 31 March 2026					
Late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Wed 01 April 2026 **until** Thurs 30 April 2026					
Very late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 01 May 2026 **until** Sun 31 May 2026					
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 03 Jun 2026 13:00 – 15:00					
Core Exam Paper 2	Wed 10 Jun 2026 13:00 – 15:00					
Results available to centres	Wed 12 Aug 2026					
Results available to candidates	Thurs 13 Aug 2026					
T Level certificates and statements of achievement issued by DofE	From Aug 2026					
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates					
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Mon 21 Sept 2026					
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request					

Proposed dates: Autumn Series 2026

	Agriculture, Land Management and Production					
	Horticulture	Trees & Woodland	Land-Based Engineering	Floristry	Crop	Livestock
Standard Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Tues 01 Sept 2026 **until** Wed 30 Sept 2026					
Late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Thurs 01 Oct 2026 **until** Thurs 15 Oct 2026					
Very late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Fri 16 Oct 2026 **until** Sun 25 Oct 2026					
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 26 Oct 2026					
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 02 Nov 2026 to Fri 27 Nov 2026					
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 25 Nov 2026 13:00 – 15:00					
Core Exam Paper 2	Wed 02 Dec 2026 13:00 – 15:00					
Results available to centres	Wed 17 March 2027					
Results available to candidates	Thurs 18 March 2027					
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates					
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Thurs 22 April 2027					
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request					

Animal Care

Proposed dates: Summer Series 2026

	Animal Care & Management	
	Animal Management and Behaviour	**Animal Management and Science**
Standard Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Mon 01 Sept 2025 **until** Wed 08 Oct 2025	
Late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Thurs 09 Oct 2025 **until** Sat 18 Oct 2025	
Very late Occupational Specialism assessment entry period	**From** Sun 19 Oct 2025 **until** Sat 01 Nov 2025	
Release of live Occupational Specialism resource list	N/A	
Release of live Occupational Specialism assessment materials	Tues 11 Nov 2025	
Occupational Specialism window	**Research project From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 13 March 2026 **Synoptic Assignment** **From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 15 May 2026	**Research project From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 13 Mar 2026 **Synoptic Assignment** **From** Mon 12 Jan 2026 **to** Fri 15 May 2026 **Science knowledge test** 20 May 2026 09:30 – 11:30
Standard Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Thurs 12 Feb 2026	
Late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Fri 13 Feb 2026 **until** Fri 27 Feb 2026	
Very late Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment entry period	**From** Sat 28 Feb 2026 **until** Fri 13 Mar 2026	
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 16 Mar 2026	
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 23 Mar **to** Fri 15 May 2026	

	Animal Care & Management	
	Animal Management and Behaviour	**Animal Management and Science**
Standard Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 02 Jan 2026 **until** Tue 31 March 2026	
Late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Wed 01 April 2026 **until** Thurs 30 April 2026	
Very late Core Exam Paper 1 and 2: assessment entry period	**From** Fri 01 May 2026 **until** Sun 31 May 2026	
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 03 Jun 2026 13:00 – 15:00	
Core Exam Paper 2	Thurs 11 Jun 2026 09:30 – 11:30	Thurs 11 Jun 2026 13:00 – 15:00
Results available to centres	Wed 12 Aug 2026	
Results available to candidates	Thurs 13 Aug 2026	
T Level certificates and statements of achievement issued by DofE	From Aug 2026	
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates	
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Mon 21 Sept 2026	
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request	

Proposed dates: Autumn Series 2026

	Animal Care & Management	
	Animal Management and Behaviour	**Animal Management and Science**
Standard Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Tues 01 Sept 2026 **until** Wed 30 Sept 2026	
Late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Thurs 01 Oct 2026 **until** Thurs 15 Oct 2026	
Very late Core assessment entry period (ESP and exams)	**From** Fri 16 Oct 2026 **until** Sun 25 Oct 2026	
Release of live Employer-Set Project (ESP) assessment materials	Mon 26 Oct 2026	
Employer Set Project (ESP) window	**From** Mon 02 Nov 2026 to Fri 27 Nov 2026	
Core Exam Paper 1	Wed 25 Nov 2026 13:00 – 15:00	
Core Exam Paper 2	Thurs 03 Dec 2026 09:30 – 11:30	Thurs 03 Dec 2026 13:00 – 15:00
Results available to centres	Wed 17 March 2027	
Results available to candidates	Thurs 18 March 2027	
Access to scripts – supporting a review of marking	From 10 working days of results being released to candidates	
Review of marking / moderation deadline	Thurs 22 April 2027	
Appeals deadline	30 calendar days after review request	