

Response to consultation regarding key dates for 2026-2027

T Level Technical Qualifications

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1. Introduction to document

We recently communicated our draft key dates for T Level Technical Qualifications in academic year 2026-2027, requesting feedback from providers.

Some common themes and questions emerged within the feedback. Please find below our response to these common questions.

2. Consultation feedback regarding key dates

2.1. Across all T Level Technical Qualifications

Consultation feedback: *Core Paper 1 is in the middle of half term in June 2027.*

Action: Move Core Paper 1 and Core Paper 2 exam dates back a week.

Rationale: The Core Paper 1 dates will no longer be in half term, and the Core Paper 2 dates will also be moved a week later so that there is the same gap between them as there was before.

Consultation feedback: *Employer-Set Project and Occupational Specialism windows run alongside each other, and they should be separated.*

Action: No change to dates.

Rationale: Our key dates are scheduled to ensure Providers can plan and tailor the delivery of the assessments according to their needs. The early start of the OS window allows for flexibility: the delivery of the OS assessment can take place at any time within the window.

The submission deadline is carefully selected to ensure sufficient time for City & Guilds to mark the centres' submissions (including time to allow for the standardisation of our markers), awarding and early release of results to DfE/Ofqual.

2.2. Engineering and Manufacturing

Consultation feedback: *Employer-Set Project material release is at the start of half term for centres which go on half term on 19 October, leaving no time to prepare before the start of the assessment window on 02 November. This feedback specifically related to Engineering and Manufacturing.*

Action: Move Engineering and Manufacturing Employer-Set Project material release to 26 October, delivery start to 09 November, and delivery end to 27 November.

Rationale: We recognise that the material release for this Employer-Set Project will now take place over half term for most centres, and we do recognise the challenges a release over half term creates. However, there will still be two weeks to access that material, with all centres having at least one week of term time to prepare for the delivery of the ESP.

If we left the dates as they were previously, the release would be at the start of half term for

some colleges. They would then be on half term for two weeks, and they would be disadvantaged as they would then have to start delivering on the Monday after half term, 02 November, despite having had no time to look at the materials and prepare for the assessment. By moving the windows a week later, all colleges will have at least one week of term time to prepare for the delivery of the ESP.

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