

# Technical Qualifications

2025-2026

Key dates and timelines for centres

# Delivery calendar

| 2025   |   |  |          | 2026   |   |
|--|---|--|----------|--|---|
| September  | October   | November   | December | January  | February  |
| <b>01</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registrations standard entry window opens until 24 October</li> <li><b>KS4 autumn series exams</b> standard entry window opens until 26 September</li> </ul>  | <b>11</b> <p><b>KS4 autumn series exams</b> restricted entry window opens (<i>contact Customer Support</i>) † †</p> | <b>03</b> <p>Finalised synoptic assignments available from qualification webpages</p>  |          | <b>03</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Spring series exams</b> restricted entry window opens (<i>contact Customer Support</i>) † †</li> <li><b>Summer series assessments</b> (<i>synoptics, centre assessed components and Employer Involvement for KS5</i>) restricted entry window opens (<i>contact Customer Support</i>) † †</li> </ul> | <b>23</b> <p>Qualification approval window opens for Technical Qualifications (for registrations starting from September 2026 only)</p> |
| <b>05</b> <p>Qualification approval window closes for Technical Qualifications</p>   | <b>25</b> <p>Late registration window opens until 28 November †</p>   | <b>04</b> <p>KS4 exams take place</p>  |          |  |   |
| <b>27</b> <p><b>KS4 autumn series exams</b> late entry window opens until 10 October †</p>   |   | <b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registrations very late window opens † †</li> <li><b>Spring series exams</b> late entry window opens until 02 January †</li> <li><b>Summer series assessments</b> (<i>synoptics, centre assessed components and Employer Involvement for KS5</i>) late entry window opens until 02 January †</li> </ul> |          | <b>05</b> <p>Synoptic assignment tasks for all Technical Qualifications can be delivered to learners from this date</p>  |   |
| <b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Spring series exams</b> standard entry window opens until 28 November</li> <li><b>Summer series assessments</b> (<i>synoptics, centre assessed components and Employer Involvement for KS5</i>) standard entry window opens until 28 November</li> </ul> |   |  |          | <b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS4 Autumn exam series results released to centres</li> <li>Applications for all 2026 entry UCAS undergraduate courses, except those with a 15 October deadline, should arrive at UCAS by 18.00 (UK time)</li> </ul>  |   |
|  |   |  |          | <b>15</b> <p><b>KS4 summer series exams</b> standard entry window opens until 15 May</p>   |   |

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| 2026   |  |   |   |      |  |
|--|--|---|---|------|--|
| March  | April  | May   | June  | July | August   |
| <b>02</b><br>Spring exam series begins       | <b>06</b><br><b>KS5 summer series exams</b> standard entry window opens until 15 May                         | <b>11</b><br>Spring exam results released to centres (all Technical Qualifications)                         | <b>01</b><br>Summer exam series begins  |      | <b>10</b><br>Final results for Level 3 Technical Qualifications, including summer series exams, assignments and qualification results released to centres  |
| <b>20</b><br>Final day of spring exam series | <b>W / c 20</b><br>Centres will be informed which centre assessed components have been selected for sampling | <b>15</b><br>Closing date to submit marks and evidence to the Moderation Portal for synoptic assignments    | <b>02</b><br>Closing date to submit grades and evidence to the Moderation Portal for up to two centre assessed components that we intend to sample first ( <i>the defined sample</i> )  |      | <b>13</b><br>Final results for Level 3 Technical Qualifications, including summer series exams, assignments and qualification results released to students |
|  |  | <b>16</b><br><b>KS4 and KS5 summer series exams</b> late entry window opens until 17 May †                  | <b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date to submit grades and evidence for any remaining centre assessed components and any further evidence required for additional sampling (<i>if applicable</i>) and EI (KS5 only)</li> <li>Final date for taking Health &amp; Safety tests for Land Based Technical Qualifications</li> </ul> |      | <b>17</b><br>Final results for Level 2 Technical Qualifications, including summer series exams, assignments and qualification results released to centres  |
|  |  | <b>18</b><br><b>KS4 and KS5 exams</b> restricted entry window opens ( <i>contact Customer Support</i> ) † † | <b>19</b><br>Final day of summer exam series  |      | <b>20</b><br>Final results for Level 2 Technical Qualifications, including summer series exams, assignments and qualification results released to students |

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# Registration and entry windows

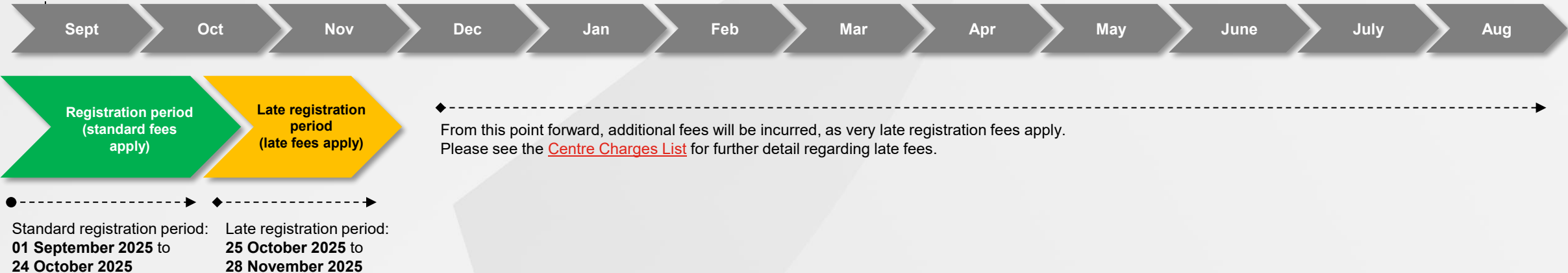
# Registration windows



Centres are encouraged to register learners at the start of the academic year in which delivery begins, and before the standard registration cut-off date to avoid incurring late registration fees. This applies even in cases where the centre does not intend to enter learners onto assessments until the second year of delivery.

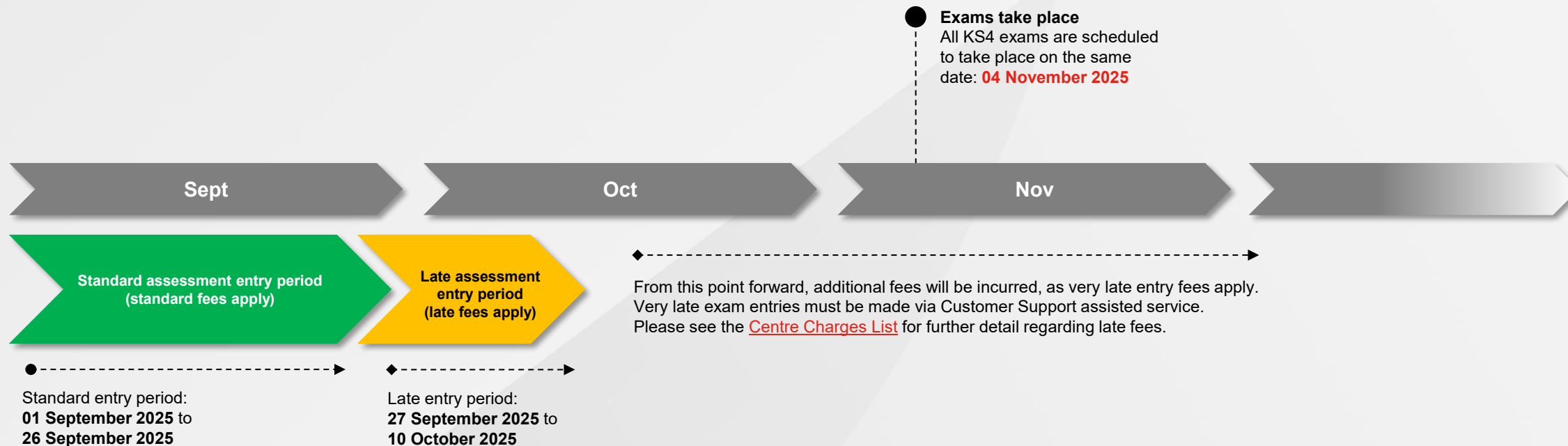
Technical Qualifications will incur late and very late fees for any registrations made outside of the standard registration period per academic session, as outlined below:

- **Approval deadline**  
All qualification approvals for Technical Qualifications must have been received prior to this deadline:  
**05 September 2025**



# KS4 Autumn series 2025

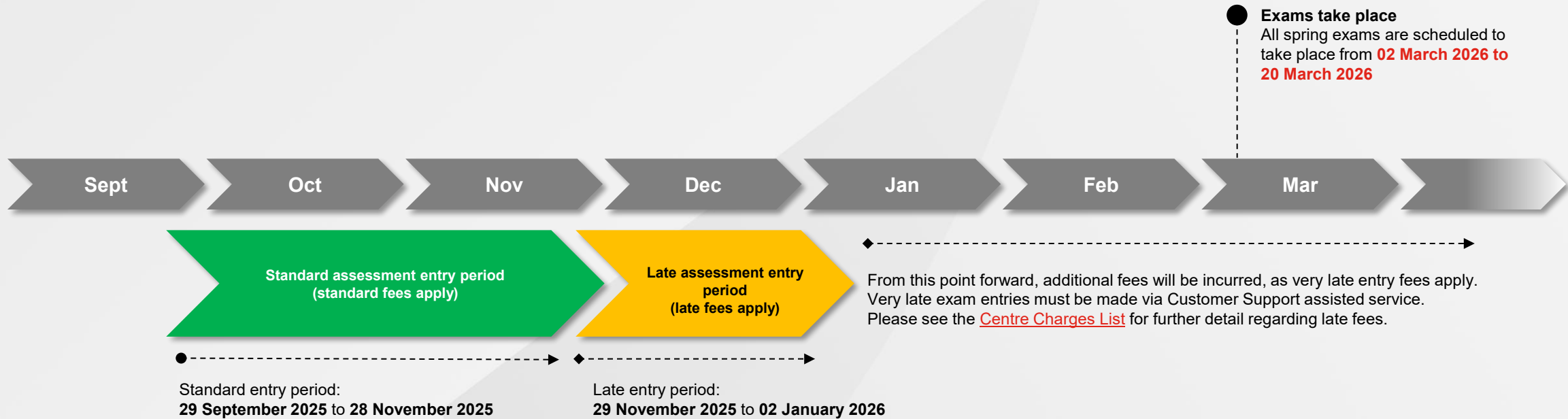
## Exam entry windows



**Note:** Three exams take place for the new Key Stage 4 Technical Qualifications in the autumn series.  
 0170-505 Level 2 Land Based Studies – Theory exam  
 3038-505 Level 2 Hair and Beauty Studies – Theory exam  
 6720-505 Level 2 Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment – Theory exam

# Spring exam series 2026

## Exam entry windows



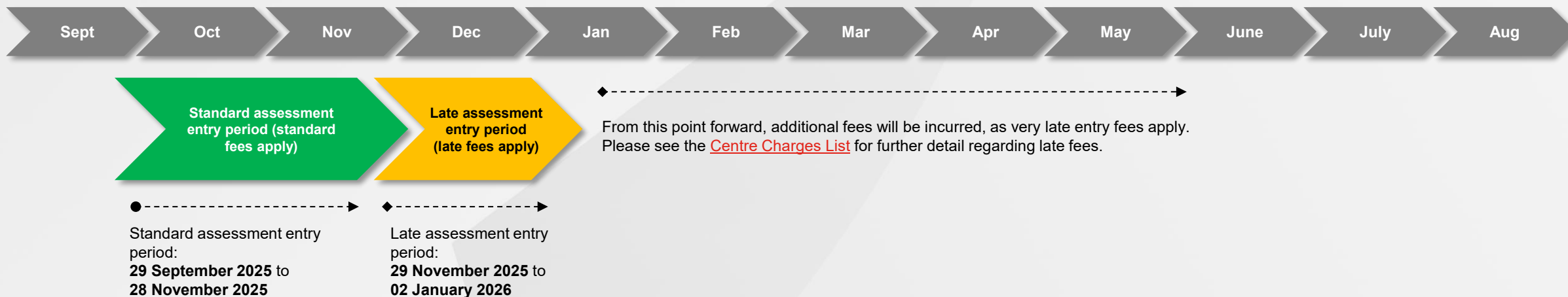
# Assessment entry period

## Synoptic, centre assessed, and employer involvement



At the start of each academic year, centres must enter learners onto the assessments which they intend to deliver within that academic year.

Late and very late assessment entry fees will be incurred for any entries made outside of the standard assessment entry period per academic session, as outlined below:

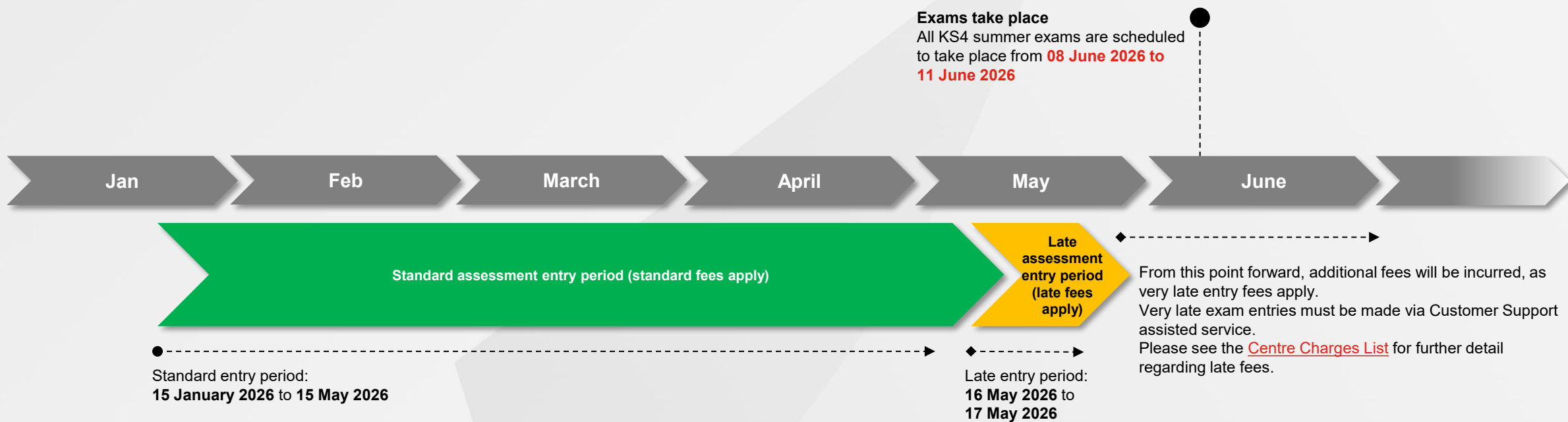


From this point forward, additional fees will be incurred, as very late entry fees apply. Please see the [Centre Charges List](#) for further detail regarding late fees.



# Key Stage 4 Summer exam series 2026

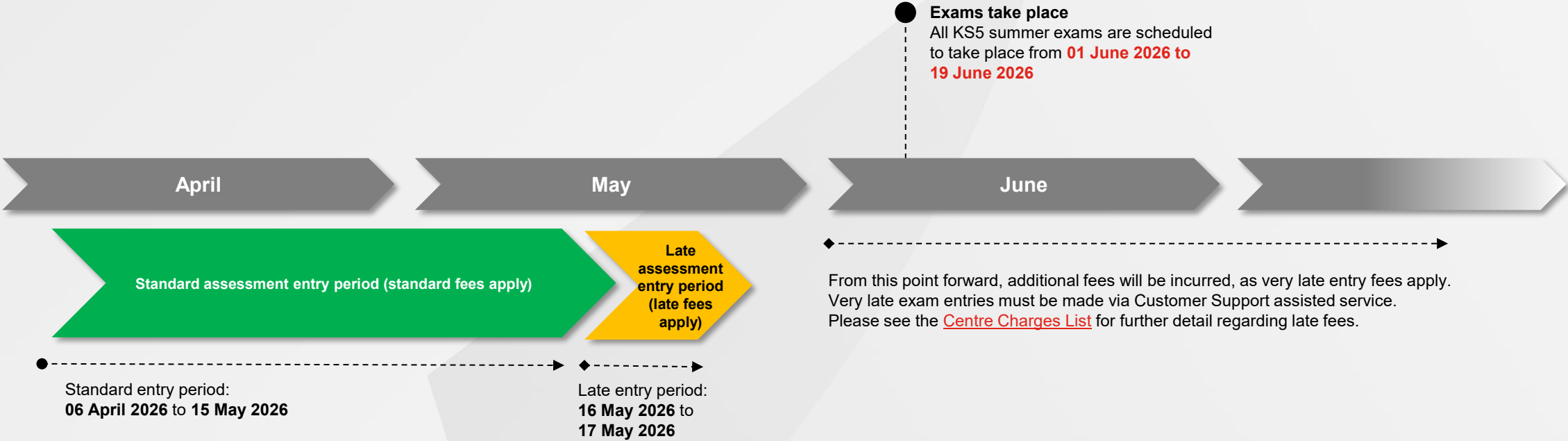
## Exam entry windows



**Note:** The above dates are applicable only for the three Key Stage 4 examinations scheduled within the summer series:  
0170-505 Level 2 Land Based Studies – Theory exam  
3038-505 Level 2 Hair and Beauty Studies – Theory exam  
6720-505 Level 2 Constructing and Maintaining the Built Environment – Theory exam

# Key Stage 5 Summer exam series 2026

## Exam entry windows



# Assessment delivery and submission deadlines

# Synoptic assignments

The finalised version of the synoptic assignments will be published by **03 November 2025**.

## 05 January 2026 to 15 May 2026:

Centres may schedule the synoptic assessments within this period (however, please remember that 15 May is the final date for providing evidence for moderation, so allow time for marking and quality assurance to avoid incurring late submission fees).

Please see specific details of permitted timings of the assessment within each synoptic assignment pack.

Some synoptic assessments are subject to a moderation visit.

**Synoptic Assignment delivery window:**  
Assignments can be delivered to students within this period

**Submission deadline: 15 May**



The deadline for submission of all synoptic assignment marks and evidence is **Friday, 15 May 2026**.

Any late submissions from this point forward are subject to additional administrative fees, as published within the [Centre Charges List](#).

## Centre assessed components



In w / c **20 April 2026**, the Quality team will notify centres of which centre assessed components have been selected as the 'defined sample'. This is the student evidence which must be uploaded to us for sampling.

The grades and evidence for all candidates within the 'defined sample' must be submitted via the Moderation Portal by **Tuesday, 02 June 2026**.

For all other centre-assessed components which are not part of this defined sample (including work experience units and Employer Involvement for Key Stage 5), the deadline submission date is **Friday, 12 June 2026**.

Centre assessed components can be taught and assessed at any point throughout the academic year

**"Defined sample" submission deadline: 02 June**

**Remaining centre assessed component and EI submission deadline: 12 June**

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

June

July

Aug

Any submissions of grades and evidence after these published deadlines are subject to additional administrative fees.

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