

Starting times for examinations and supervising candidates

Centres in the UK can start exams up to 30 minutes earlier than, or later than, the awarding bodies' published starting time for the session. JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations (ICE) section 6

No awarding body permission needed

No paperwork to complete

To maintain the security of the exam, all candidates must start within these windows



Exceptions

- Timetable clashes
- Arrangements described in ICE paragraph 7.2
- Candidates who arrive late for their exam

Morning session

Centres can start exams at any point during these times

Afternoon session

Centres can start exams at any point during these times

8.30am

Earliest centre starting time

9.00am

Published starting time

9.30am

Latest centre starting time 1.00pm

Earliest centre starting time

1.30pm

Published starting time

2.00pm

Latest centre starting time

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8.45am

Earliest centre starting time

9.15am

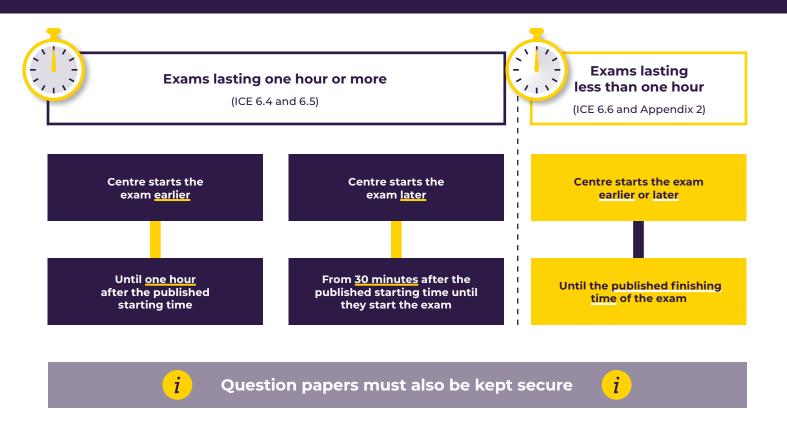
Published starting time

9.45am

Latest centre starting time



How long must candidates be kept under centre supervision?



Example — where a centre starts an exam earlier than the published starting time

