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# Key dates in the examination cycle

June 2026 examination series

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The JCQ publishes key dates for examination series where they are common to all the JCQ awarding bodies.

Dates appear on timetables and in various awarding body and JCQ documents. However, sometimes a simple date cannot be found quickly when the need arises. The 'need to know' dates for the June 2026 examination series are listed on **page 3**.

# Key dates – GCSE, GCE and Project qualifications June 2026 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	QUALIFICATION	CATEGORY
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2025/26</b>			
21/11/2025	Basedata for June 2026 series available	GCSE GCE Projects	Entries
<b>SPRING TERM 2025/26</b>			
31/01/2026	Deadline for ordering modified papers using <i>Access arrangements online</i> (AAO)	GCSE GCE	Access arrangements
31/01/2026	Deadline to submit Form JCQ/CCA – centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work using Centre Admin Portal (CAP)	GCSE GCE	Centre assessment
21/02/2026	Deadline for entries	GCSE GCE	Entries
21/03/2026	Deadline for requesting transferred candidate arrangements using Centre Admin Portal (CAP)	GCSE GCE	Exam preparation
21/03/2026	Deadline for processing applications for access arrangements using <i>Access arrangements online</i> (AAO)	GCSE GCE	Access arrangements
<b>SUMMER TERM 2025/26</b>			
07/05/2026	Date of first examination on common timetable	GCSE	Exam time
07/05/2026	First date for submitting special consideration requests for timetabled examinations to awarding bodies	GCSE	Exam time
11/05/2026	Date of first examination on common timetable	GCE	Exam time
11/05/2026	First date for submitting special consideration requests for timetabled examinations to awarding bodies	GCE	Exam time
15/05/2026	Deadline for submitting centre-assessed marks (AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC)	GCE	Centre assessment
17/06/2026	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCSE	Exam time
23/06/2026	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCE	Exam time
24/06/2026	Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom	GCSE GCE	Exam time
01/07/2026	Deadline for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE GCE	Exam time
12/08/2026	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCE Extended Project	Results
13/08/2026	Release of results to candidates	GCE Extended Project	Results
19/08/2026	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCSE Level 1 & 2 Projects	Results
20/08/2026	Release of results to candidates	GCSE Level 1 & 2 Projects	Results

**Notes:**

1. Centres in Northern Ireland entering candidates for CCEA GCE and GCSE specifications are advised to consult CCEA administration documents for key dates, timetables and deadlines for submitting centre-assessed marks, June 2026 examination series.
2. Centres entering candidates for WJEC GCE and GCSE specifications, as regulated by Qualifications Wales, should check key dates information on the WJEC website.
3. GCSE examinations, June 2026 examination series: centres are advised to consult awarding body administration documents, as there are variations within and between awarding bodies for submitting centre-assessed marks.
4. Centres are advised to consult awarding body administration documents; an awarding body may allow centres to submit applications for special consideration relating to non-examination assessment components prior to 7 May 2026.