



Joint Council for
Qualifications^{CIC}

Key dates in the examination cycle

Vocational and Technical qualifications, June 2026 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 VTQ June 2026 examination series are listed on **page 2**.

The qualifications covered by this document are listed in **Appendix A**.

Key dates – VTQ June 2026 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	AWARDING BODY	CATEGORY
AUTUMN TERM 2025/26			
21/11/2025	Basedata for June 2026 series available (for OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals and Cambridge Nationals)	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Entries
SPRING TERM 2025/26			
31/01/2026	Deadline for ordering modified papers	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
31/01/2026	Deadline to submit centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work (for OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals and Cambridge Nationals)	AQA, OCR and WJEC	Centre assessment
21/02/2026	Deadline for entries (for OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals and Cambridge Nationals)	AQA, OCR and WJEC	Entries
21/03/2026	Deadline for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	AQA, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam preparation
21/03/2026	Deadline for processing applications for access arrangements	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
SUMMER TERM 2025/26			
29/04/2026	Date of first VTQ examination	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
11/05/2026	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies (for OCR this only applies to Cambridge Technicals)	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
19/06/2026	Date of last VTQ examination	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
24/06/2026	Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
01/07/2026	Deadline for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
13/08/2026	Release of Level 3 VTQ results to candidates	AQA, City & Guilds, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Results
20/08/2026	Release of Level 1 and 2 VTQ results to candidates	City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Results

Notes:

1. For OCR, Cambridge Technicals Level 2 and Level 3 results can be given to candidates as soon as they are released on 10 August 2026. However, centres may wish to issue them at the same time as other Level 2 and Level 3 results.
2. The first and last dates of VTQ examinations have been listed to show the examination window for all awarding bodies. Centres must check the relevant awarding body's website for their specific timetables.

Appendix A – List of qualifications in scope for key dates, June 2026 series

AQA	City & Guilds	NCFE	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
Applied General qualifications	Level 2 & Level 3 Technical qualifications	Level 1 & Level 2 V Certs	Cambridge Advanced Nationals	BTEC Firsts	WJEC Level 1 & Level 2 Vocational Awards
			Cambridge Nationals	BTEC Nationals	
			Level 2 Cambridge Technicals	BTEC Tech Awards (2022)	WJEC Level 1 & Level 2 Vocational Awards (Technical Awards)
			Level 3 Cambridge Technicals	BTEC Technicals	
			Level 3 Certificate in Sustainability		WJEC Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualifications
					WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificates, Diplomas and Extended Diplomas
					WJEC Level 3 T Level Technical Qualifications