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Key dates in the examination cycle

Vocational and Technical qualifications, January 2027 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 January 2027 examination series are listed on **page 2**.

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

Key dates – VTQ January 2027 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	AWARDING BODY	CATEGORY
AUTUMN TERM 2026/27			
04/09/2026	Basedata for January 2027 series available	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Entries
04/10/2026	Deadline for ordering modified papers	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
16/10/2026	Deadline for entries	Pearson	Entries
21/10/2026	Deadline for entries	AQA, Cambridge OCR, WJEC	Entries
21/10/2026	Deadline to process applications for access arrangements	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
02/12/2026	Deadline for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam preparation
04/12/2026	Deadline for ordering non-interactive electronic (PDF) question papers	Cambridge OCR	Access arrangements
SPRING TERM 2026/27			
05/01/2027	Date of first VTQ examination	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
05/01/2027	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
21/01/2027	Date of last VTQ examination	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
28/01/2027	Deadline for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
03/03/2027	Restricted release of results to centres	AQA	Results & certification
04/03/2027	Release of results to candidates	AQA	Results & certification
10/03/2027	Restricted release of results to centres	WJEC	Results & certification
10/03/2027	Release of Cambridge Technicals results (examined unit results)	Cambridge OCR	Results & certification
11/03/2027	Release of results to candidates	WJEC	Results & certification
17/03/2027	Restricted release of Cambridge Advanced Nationals results, Cambridge Nationals results, Cambridge OCR Enrichment qualifications (Level 3 Award in Oracy, Level 3 Award in Personal Finance, Level 3 Certificate in Sustainability) and Pearson BTEC results to centres	Cambridge OCR and Pearson	Results & certification
18/03/2027	Release of Cambridge Advanced Nationals results, Cambridge Nationals results, Cambridge OCR Enrichment qualifications (Level 3 Award in Oracy, Level 3 Award in Personal Finance, Level 3 Certificate in Sustainability) and Pearson BTEC results to candidates	Cambridge OCR and Pearson	Results & certification
SUMMER TERM 2026/27			
31/05/2027	Date by which certificates will arrive in centres	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Results & certification

Notes:

1. Centres should consult awarding body administration documents, as it may be possible to submit applications for special consideration prior to 5 January 2027.
2. The deadline for Access to Scripts, clerical checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation or other results enquiries (e.g. Missing and Incomplete Results) will be five weeks after the awarding body's publication of results.

Appendix A – List of awarding body qualifications covered by this document, January 2027 series

AQA	Cambridge OCR	Pearson	WJEC
Applied General qualifications Certificate in Applied Business Extended Certificate in Applied Business Extended Certificate in Applied Science	Cambridge Advanced Nationals Applied Science Computing Cyber Security and Networks Engineering Health and Social Care Human Biology IT Data Analytics Mental Health Cambridge Nationals Child Development Creative Media Engineering Design Engineering Manufacture Engineering Programmable Systems Enterprise and Marketing Health and Social Care IT Sport Science Sport Studies Enrichment Qualification Level 3 Award in Oracy Level 3 Award in Personal Finance Level 3 Certificate in Sustainability Level 2 Cambridge Technicals Business Administration Digital Media Engineering Health & Social Care IT Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Cambridge Technicals Applied Science Business Digital Media Engineering Health & Social Care IT Performing Arts Sport and Physical Activity	BTEC Nationals Agriculture/Countryside Management/Horticulture/Forestry and Arboriculture Animal Management Applied Human Biology Applied Law Applied Psychology Applied Science Applied Science/Forensic and Criminal Investigation Art and Design Business/Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Computing Construction and the Built Environment CPLD Creative Digital Media Production Engineering Equine Management Forensic and Criminal Investigation Health and Social Care IT Marketing Music Performance Music Technology Performing Arts Sport Sport and Exercise Science Travel and Tourism Uniformed Protective Services Level 3 BTEC Nationals (AAQ) qualifications Applied Science Computing Construction and The Built Environment Early Childhood Development Engineering Health and Social Care Information Technology Medical Science BTEC Tech Awards (2022) Animal Care Child Development Construction and the Built Environment Digital Information Technology Enterprise Health and Social Care Sport Travel and Tourism BTEC Firsts Animal Care Business Construction and the Built Environment Engineering Health and Social Care Hospitality Public Services Travel and Tourism	Level 2 / Level 3 WJEC Level 2 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory (Wales only) WJEC Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts (Wales only) WJEC Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory (Wales only) WJEC Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts (Wales only) Level 1/2 WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Construction and the Built Environment (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Engineering (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Health and Social Care (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Performing Arts (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Retail Business (Technical Award) WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Sport and Coaching Principles (Technical Award) Level 2 WJEC Level 2 Certificate in Additional Mathematics