



Joint Council for
Qualifications^{CIC}

Key dates in the examination cycle

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

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

Key dates – VTQ June 2027 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	AWARDING BODY	CATEGORY
AUTUMN TERM 2026/27			
20/11/2026	Basedata for June 2027 series available (for Cambridge OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals, Cambridge Nationals and Enrichment qualifications)	AQA, Cambridge OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Entries
SPRING TERM 2026/27			
31/01/2027	Deadline for ordering modified papers	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
31/01/2027	Deadline to submit centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work (for Cambridge OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals, Cambridge Nationals and Enrichment qualifications)	AQA, Cambridge OCR and WJEC	Centre assessment
21/02/2027	Deadline for entries (for Cambridge OCR this applies to Cambridge Advanced Nationals, Cambridge Nationals and Enrichment qualifications)	AQA, Cambridge OCR and WJEC	Entries
19/03/2027	Deadline for entries	Pearson	Entries
21/03/2027	Deadline for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	AQA, Cambridge OCR, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam preparation
21/03/2027	Deadline for processing applications for access arrangements	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
SUMMER TERM 2026/27			
28/04/2027	Date of first VTQ examination	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
10/05/2027	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies (for Cambridge OCR this only applies to Cambridge Technicals)	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
18/06/2027	Date of last VTQ examination	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
23/06/2027	Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
30/06/2027	Deadline for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
12/08/2027	Release of Level 3 VTQ results to candidates	AQA, Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, Pearson and WJEC	Results
19/08/2027	Release of Level 1 and 2 VTQ results to candidates	Cambridge OCR, City & Guilds, NCFE, Pearson and WJEC	Results

Notes:

1. For Cambridge OCR, Cambridge Technicals Level 2 and Level 3 results can be given to candidates as soon as they are released on 9 August 2027. 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 2027 series

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