

T Level Technical Qualifications Key Dates Schedule 2025/26 and 2026/27

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Overview

The timeline provided below covers all key dates for each academic year. All common dates related to registrations and results are detailed in the leading table for the named session.

¹ T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/5829/4
T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Business Services (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/6902/4
T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Support Services (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/6901/2
T Level Technical Qualification in Health (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/7066/X
T Level Technical Qualification in Healthcare Science (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/7083/X
T Level Technical Qualification in Science (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/6989/9

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Section 1 Approval Windows

Common T Level supplier key dates:

*Year of 1st Delivery	Approval Period
2026/2027	23 February 2026 - 26 June 2026
2027/2028	22 February 2027 – 25 June 2027

^{*}Please note providers may apply at any point during the window. On receipt of your application, if you are a brand-new NCFE T Level provider you will be required to have an approval visit within 20 working days of application.

Section 2 Registration and Access Arrangements Dates

Common T Level supplier key dates:

Assessment Year	Key Dates Schedule to Providers	Standard Student Registration	Late Student Registration	Very Late Student Registration	Final Date for Submission of Reasonable Adjustments to Suppliers	Final Date for Submission of Special Considerations to Suppliers
2025/2026*	01 July 2025	01 September 2025 – 01 November 2025	02 November 2025 – 23 December 2025	24 December 2025 – 31 July 2026	To be declared at point of registration/entry, is specific to each T Level qualification and so aligns to the	To be submitted no later than 5 working days after an assessment has taken place or
2026/2027*	01 July 2026	01 September 2026 – 01 November 2026	02 November 2026 – 23 December 2026	24 December 2026 – 31 July 2027	registration and entry deadlines detailed in Section 4	assessment window has closed

^{*}The 2024/2025 cohort was the final registration date for delivery of the below qualification. Further assessment opportunities will continue to be scheduled, for existing and continuing students, until summer 2028. Registrations from 2025/2026 should be made against the next generation of this qualification, delivered by NCFE (see pages 13 – 17 of this document for detailed information of assessments and key dates).

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early	/ Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/5829/4

^{*}The 2024/2025 cohort was the final registration date for delivery of the below qualifications. Further assessment opportunities will continue to be scheduled, for existing and continuing students, until summer 2028.

T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Business Services (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/6902/4
T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Support Services (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE)	603/6901/2

Section 3 Results Release Dates

Common T Level supplier key dates:

Assessment Session	Restricted Release from NCFE to Providers	Release from Providers to Students	Request for Review of Marking/Moderation (RoMM)	Expedited Request for Review of Marking/Moderation (RoMM)	Appeals	Certificates issued by the Manage T Level Results Service
Summer 2025	13 August 2025	14 August 2025	18 September 2025			From August 2025
Autumn 2025	18 March 2026	19 March 2026	23 April 2026	To be submitted within 7 calendar days of the	To be submitted	From March 2026
Summer 2026	12 August 2026	13 August 2026	24 September 2026	result release date from providers to	within 30 calendar days	From August 2026
Autumn 2026	17 March 2027	18 March 2027	22 April 2027	students	of the outcome of a ROMM	From March 2027
Summer 2027	18 August 2027	19 August 2027	23 September 2027			From August 2027

Section 4 Qualification Details

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE) (603/5829/4)

Advance Assessment Materials

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Autumn 2025	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	01 October 2025	06 October 2025
Summer 2026	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	17 March 2026	20 March 2026
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Assignment 1 (EYE* and AT**)	17 March 2026	20 March 2026
Autumn 2026	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	23 September 2026	28 September 2026
Summer 2027	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	08 April 2027	13 April 2027
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Assignment 1 (EYE* and AT**)	14 April 2027	19 April 2027

^{*}Early Years Educator pathway

^{**}Assisting Teaching pathway

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE) (603/5829/4)

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	31 October 2025	Overall 03 November 2025 - 21 November 2025 Duration 12 hours*	03 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours	10 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2026	09 April 2026	16 April 2026	24 April 2026	Overall 28 April 2026 – 19 May 2026 Duration 12 hours*	04 June 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours	11 June 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Autumn 2026	19 October 2026	26 October 2026	30 October 2026	Overall 02 November 2026 – 20 November 2026 Duration 12 hours*	01 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	09 December 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	19 April 2027	26 April 2027	30 April 2027	Overall 04 May 2027 – 25 May 2027 Duration 12 hours*	07 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours	11 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours

^{*} Sample and past Tutor Guidance documents are available on the NCFE website and should be used to prepare for the delivery of the assessment, but note that live, paper-specific versions are published for each series and there may be small variations compared to previous versions.

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE) (603/5829/4)

Occupational Specialisms

(a) Early Years Educator (EYE)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1*	Assignment 2 Part 1** ***	Assignment 2 Part 2**	Assignment 3 Parts 1A & 1B	Assignment 3 Part 2
Summer 2026	19 January 2026	26 January 2026	30 January 2026	20 April 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 4 hours	29 September 2025 – 15 May 2026 Duration open Final submission 15 May 2026	02 February 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour per structured observation Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	27 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1A 45 minutes 1B 1 hour	27 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	18 January 2027	25 January 2027	29 January 2027	26 April 2027 – 30 April 2027 Duration 4 hours	28 September 2026 – 14 May 2027 Duration open Final submission 14 May 2027	01 February 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour per structured observation Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	31 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1A 45 minutes 1B 1 hour	05 May 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours

- * Although this is a window all students at a provider must sit this at the same time. Sample and past Tutor Guidance documents are available on the NCFE website and should be used to prepare for the delivery of the assessment, but note that live, paper-specific versions are published for each series and there may be small variations compared to previous versions.
- ** Marks must be entered onto the Portal before midnight on the final submission date. Any learners booked but not sitting the assessment should be marked as a DNA in the submit marks screen. Failure to do this will result in delays to final moderation and student results. Final moderation will take place when the assessment window closes.
- *** The Guided Learning Hours for this assignment are 10 12 hours. The student can only move to part 2 upon completion of all criteria. The Moderator is responsible for checking and confirming that this has happened through face-to-face reviews. The Moderator has to approve a provider before students can progress to part 2.

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE) (603/5829/4)

Occupational Specialisms

(b) Assisting Teaching (AT)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1*	Assignment 2**	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	19 January 2026	26 January 2026	30 January 2026	20 April 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	02 February 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour per structured observation Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	27 April 2026 9.00am Duration 4 hours
Summer 2027	18 January 2027	25 January 2027	29 January 2027	26 April 2027 – 30 April 2027 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	01 February 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour per structured observation Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	05 May 2027 9.00am Duration 4 hours

^{*} Although this is a window all students at a provider must sit this at the same time. Sample and past Tutor Guidance documents are available on the NCFE website and should be used to prepare for the delivery of the assessment, but note that live, paper-specific versions are published for each series and there may be small variations compared to previous versions.

^{**} Marks must be entered onto the Portal before midnight on the final submission date. Any learners booked but not sitting the assessment should be marked as a DNA in the submit marks screen. Failure to do this will result in delays to final moderation and student results. Final moderation will take place when the assessment window closes

Advance Assessment Materials

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Autumn 2025	Employer Set Project	08 October 2025	13 October 2025
Summer 2026	Employer Set Project	24 March 2026	27 March 2026
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism (all tasks)	11 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Autumn 2026	Employer Set Project	07 October 2026	12 October 2026
Summer 2027	Employer Set Project	13 April 2027	16 April 2027
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism (all tasks)	19 March 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	31 October 2025	Task 1 & 2a 03 November 2025 – 06 November 2025 Duration 3 hours (Task 1) & 2 hours (Task 2a) Task 2b 07 November 2025 9.00am Duration 4 hours Task 3 10 November 2025 – 12 November 2025 Duration 4 hours Task 4 13 November 2025 – 14 November 2025 Duration 2 hours	02 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	09 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours
Summer 2026	24 April 2026	01 May 2026	08 May 2026	Task 1 & 2a 11 May 2026 – 14 May 2026 Duration 3 hours (Task 1) & 2 hours (Task 2a) Task 2b 15 May 2026 9.00am Duration 4 hours Task 3 18 May 2026 – 20 May 2026 Duration 4 hours Task 4 21 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Duration 2 hours	09 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	16 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours

Core Components (continued)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2026	19 October 2026	26 October 2026	30 October 2026	Task 1 & 2a 02 November 2026 – 05 November 2026 Duration 3 hours (Task 1) & 2 hours (Task 2a) Task 2b 06 November 2026 9.00am Duration 4 hours Task 3 09 November 2026 – 11 November 2026 Duration 4 hours Task 4 12 November 2026 – 13 November 2026 Duration 2 hours	01 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	08 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	26 April 2027	03 May 2027	07 May 2027	Task 1 & 2a 10 May 2027 – 13 May 2027 Duration 3 hours (Task 1) & 2 hours (Task 2a) Task 2b 14 May 2027 9.00am Duration 4 hours Task 3 17 May 2026 – 19 May 2027 Duration 4 hours Task 4 20 May 2026 – 21 May 2027 Duration 2 hours	08 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	15 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours

Occupational Specialism
Data Technician

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4
Summer 2026	07 April 2026	14 April 2026	20 April 2026	21 April 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 21 April 2026 1:00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	23 April 2026 – 24 April 2026 9:00am & 1:00pm Duration 10 hours	29 April 2026 – 30 April 2026 9:00am & 1:00pm Duration 8 hours	06 May 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours 06 May 2026 1:00pm Duration 2 hours 07 May 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	12 April 2027	19 April 2027	23 April 2027	26 April 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 26 April 2027 1:00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	29 April 2027 – 30 April 2027 9:00am & 1:00pm Duration 10 hours	05 May 2027 – 06 May 2027 9:00am & 1:00pm Duration 8 hours	12 May 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours 12 May 2027 1:00pm Duration 2 hours 13 May 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours

Advance Assessment Materials

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Autumn 2025	Employer Set Project (Digital Support only, instructions contained within Provider Guide)	08 October 2025	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Employer Set Project (Digital Support only, instructions contained within Provider Guide)	27 April 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism (All Pathways, instructions for all Assignments within Provider Guide)	02 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Autumn 2026	Employer Set Project (Digital Support only, instructions contained within Provider Guide)	07 October 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Employer Set Project (Digital Support only, instructions contained within Provider Guide)	26 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism (All Pathways, instructions for all Assignments within Provider Guide)	01 March 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	31 October 2025	Task 1 03 November 2025 9.00am Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 04 November 2025 – 07 November 2025 Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes Task 3 10 November 2025 9.00am Duration: 4 hours Task 4 11 November 2025 – 14 November 2025 Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes	03 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	10 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2026	24 April 2026	01 May 2026	08 May 2026	Task 1 11 May 2026 9.00am Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 12 May 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes Task 3 18 May 2026 9.00am Duration: 4 hours Task 4 19 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes	10 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	17 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

Core Components (continued)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2026	19 October 2026	26 October 2026	30 October 2026	Task 1 02 November 2026 9.00am Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 03 November 2026 – 06 November 2026 Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes Task 3 09 November 2026 9.00am Duration: 4 hours Task 4 10 November 2026 – 13 November 2026 Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes	02 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	09 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	23 April 2027	30 April 2027	07 May 2027	Task 1 10 May 2027 9.00am Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 11 May 2026 – 14 May 2027 Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes Task 3 17 May 2027 9.00am Duration: 4 hours Task 4 18 May 2026 – 21 May 2027 Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes	09 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours	16 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

Occupational Specialisms

(a) Digital Infrastructure

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	04 March 2026	11 March 2026	17 March 2026	Task 1 18 March 2026 9.00am Duration 3 hours Task 2 19 March 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Task 3 20 March 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	23 March 2026 – 27 March 2026 Duration 6 hours	Task 1 28 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours Task 2 28 April 2026 1.00pm Duration 45 minutes Task 3 28 April 2026 2.00pm Duration 45 minutes Task 4 29 April 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	01 March 2027	08 March 2027	12 March 2027	Task 1 17 March 2027 9.00am Duration 3 hours Task 2 18 March 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Task 3 19 March 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	12 April 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 6 hours	Task 1 27 April 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours Task 2 27 April 2027 1.00pm Duration 45 minutes Task 3 27 April 2027 2.00pm Duration 45 minutes Task 4 28 April 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours

Occupational Specialisms

(b) Network Cabling

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	04 March 2026	11 March 2026	17 March 2026	Task 1 18 March 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 19 March 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 1.00pm Duration 2 hours Task 2 20 March 2026 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	23 March 2026 – 02 April 2026 Duration 12 hours 30 minutes	Task 1 05 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 30 minutes Task 2 06 May 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours Task 3 07 May 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	Task 1 17 March 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 18 March 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 1.00pm Duration 2 hours Task 2 19 March 2027 9:00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	12 April 2027 – 23 April 2027 Duration 12 hours 30 minutes	Task 1 04 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 30 minutes Task 2 05 May 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours Task 3 06 May 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours

Occupational Specialisms

(c) Digital Support

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	02 March 2026	09 March 2026	13 March 2026	16 March 2026 – 27 March 2026 Duration 19 hours	Task 1 22 April 2026 9.00am Duration 3 hours Task 2 23 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours	27 April 2026 – 08 May 2026 Duration 10 hours
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 19 hours	Task 1 21 April 2027 9.00am Duration 3 hours Task 2 22 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours	26 April 2027 – 07 May 2027 Duration 10 hours

Occupational Specialisms

(d) Cyber Security

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	04 March 2026	11 March 2026	17 March 2026	Task 1 18 March 2026 9.00am Duration 5 hours 30 minutes Task 2 19 March 2026 9.00am Duration 5 hours 30 minutes	23 March 2026 – 27 March 2026 Duration 10 hours	Task 1 28 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 28 April 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours Task 3 29 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	24 February 2027	03 March 2027	09 March 2027	Task 1 10 March 2027 9.00am Duration 5 hours 30 minutes Task 2 11 March 2027 9.00am Duration 5 hours 30 minutes	15 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 10 hours	Task 1 27 April 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Task 2 27 April 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours Task 3 28 April 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours

Advance Assessment Materials

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Autumn 2025	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	13 October 2025	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	20 April 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting Healthcare Assignment 2 (all Options) Part 1	12 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Adult Nursing Team Assignment 2 Part 2	27 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Midwifery Team Assignment 2 Part 2	27 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Mental Health Team Assignment 2 Part 2	27 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Care of Children and Young People Assignment 2 Part 2	27 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Therapy Teams Assignment 2 Part 2	27 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)

Advance Assessment Materials (continued)

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Autumn 2026	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	12 October 2026	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Employer Set Project (All pathways)	19 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting Healthcare Assignment 2 (all Options) Part 1	04 March 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Adult Nursing Team Assignment 2 Part 2	15 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Midwifery Team Assignment 2 Part 2	15 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Mental Health Team Assignment 2 Part 2	15 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Care of Children and Young People Assignment 2 Part 2	15 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Supporting the Therapy Teams Assignment 2 Part 2	15 April 2027	N/A (pre-release to providers only)

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	31 October 2025	Overall 03 November 2025 – 14 November 2025 Total Duration 14 hours 30 minutes* (plus 2 hours' preparation time)	04 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	11 December 2025 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2026	16 April 2026	27 April 2026	01 May 2026	Overall 05 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Total Duration 14 hours 30 minutes* (plus 2 hours' preparation time)	11 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	18 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Autumn 2026	19 October 2026	26 October 2026	30 October 2027	Overall 02 November 2026 – 20 November 2026 Total Duration 14 hours 30 minutes* (plus 2 hours' preparation time)	03 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	10 December 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	19 April 2027	26 May 2027	30 April 2027	Overall 04 May 2027 – 21 May 2027 Total Duration 14 hours 30 minutes* (plus 2 hours' preparation time)	10 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	17 June 2027 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

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Occupational Specialisms

(a) Supporting the Adult Nursing Team – (Option A)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	23 February 2026	02 March 2026	06 March 2026	09 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 23 March 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 24 April 2026 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 27 April 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	01 June 2026 – 12 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 15 March 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 16 April 2027 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 26 April 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	07 June 2027 – 18 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)

Occupational Specialisms

(b) Supporting the Midwifery Team – (Option B)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	23 February 2026	02 March 2026	06 March 2026	09 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 23 March 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 24 April 2026 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 27 April 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	01 June 2026 – 12 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 15 March 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 16 April 2027 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 26 April 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	07 June 2027 – 18 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)

Occupational Specialisms

(c) Supporting the Mental Health Team – (Option C)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	23 February 2026	02 March 2026	06 March 2026	09 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 23 March 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 24 April 2026 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 27 April 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	01 June 2026 – 12 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 15 March 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 16 April 2027 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 26 April 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	07 June 2027 – 18 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)

Occupational Specialisms

(d) Supporting the Care of Children and Young People – (Option D)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	23 February 2026	02 March 2026	06 March 2026	09 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 23 March 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 24 April 2026 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 27 April 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	01 June 2026 – 12 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 15 March 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 16 April 2027 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 26 April 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	07 June 2027 – 18 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)

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(e) Supporting the Therapy Teams – (Option E)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	23 February 2026	02 March 2026	06 March 2026	09 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 23 March 2026 – 24 April 2026 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 24 April 2026 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 27 April 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	01 June 2026 – 12 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	22 February 2027	01 March 2027	05 March 2027	08 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes (inclusive of 20 minute rest break)	Part 1: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Core 15 March 2027 – 16 April 2027 Duration 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 16 April 2027 Part 2: Practical Activity Assessment (PAA) Option 26 April 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	07 June 2027 – 18 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 45 minutes (including 45 minutes' preparation time)

*These assessments will vary from year to year whilst still covering the same content – this means they have a range of possible durations. Final durations will be available in the live assessment materials when they are published to providers before the assessments. Marks must be entered onto the Portal before midnight on the final submission date. Any learners booked but not sitting the assessment should be marked as a DNA in the submit marks screen. Failure to do this will result in delays to final moderation and student results. Final moderation will take place when the assessment window closes.

Occupational Specialisms

(f) Dental Nursing*

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Bridging Module	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3	Assignment 4	Assignment 5
Summer 2026	22 May 2025	30 May 2025	05 June 2025	06 June 2025 Submission 09 June 2025 – 04 July 2025 Moderation window 07 July 2025 – 18 July 2025 Resit assessment	01 September 2025 – 22 April 2026 Duration 18 hours	26 January 2026 – 29 April 2026 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	21 April 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes	**30 April 2026 – 22 May 2026 Duration 2 hours (plus 45 minutes' set-up time)	01 June 2026 – 05 June 2026 Duration 1 hour 30 minutes (plus 45 minutes' preparation time)
Summer 2027	21 May 2026	29 May 2026	04 June 2026	05 June 2026 Submission 08 June 2026 – 03 July 2026 Moderation window 06 July 2026 – 17 July 2026 Resit assessment	01 September 2026 – 21 April 2027 Duration 18 hours	25 January 2027 – 28 April 2027 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	20 April 2027 Duration 4 hours 40 minutes	**29 April – 21 May 2027 Duration 2 hours (plus 45 minutes set-up time)	31 May 2027 – 04 June 2027 Duration 1 hour 30 minutes 9plus 45' minutes preparation time)
Summer 2028	21 May 2027	28 July 2027	03July 2027	04 June 2027 Submission 07 June 2027 – 02 July 2027 Moderation window 05 July 2027 - 16 July 2027 Resit assessment	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

*All dates for this Occupational Specialism are subject to change. Providers must refer to the Tutor Guidance document available for instructions on how to deliver these assessments. Providers should note that this is sample guidance documentation – live, paper-specific information is separate and will differ each session.

**Early release of assessment materials will be sent to providers by 21 April 2026 and 20 April 2027, to allow preparation at the provider. These materials are not to be shared with students until the start of the assessment window.

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	31 October 2025	Task 1 03 November 2025 9.00am Duration 5 hours Task 2 04 November 2025 9.00am Duration 3 hours Tasks 3, 4 & 5 10 November 2025 – 14 November 2025 Duration up to 9 hours 45 minutes (dependent on group size)	03 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	10 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2026	16 April 2026	27 April 2026	01 May 2026	Task 1 05 May 2026 9.00am Duration 5 hours Task 2 06 May 2026 9.00am Duration 3 hours Tasks 3, 4 & 5 11 May 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration up to 9 hours 45 minutes (dependent on group size)	10 June 2026 1.00pm Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	17 June 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

Core Components (continued)

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2026	19 October 2026	26 October 2026	30 October 2026	Task 1 02 November 2026 9.00am Duration 5 hours Task 2 03 November 2026 9.00am Duration 3 hours Tasks 3, 4 & 5 09 November 2026 – 13 November 2026 Duration up to 9 hours 45 minutes (dependent on group size)	02 December 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	09 December 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	19 April 2027	26 April 2027	30 April 2027	Task 1 04 May 2027 9.00am Duration 5 hours Task 2 05 May 2027 9.00am Duration 3 hours Tasks 3, 4 & 5 10 May 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration up to 9 hours 45 minutes (dependent on group size)	09 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	16 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

Occupational Specialism

(a) Assisting with Healthcare Science

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1*	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3*	Assignment 4
Summer 2026	12 March 2026	19 March 2026	25 March 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 55 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	07 May 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	11 March 2027	18 March 2027	24 March 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 55 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 2 hours 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	06 May 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours

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Occupational Specialism

(b) Optical

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1*	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3*	Assignment 4
Summer 2026	12 March 2026	19 March 2026	25 March 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 20 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 1 hour 50 minutes Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	28 April 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours
Summer 2027	11 March 2027	18 March 2027	24 March 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 20 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 30 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 1 hour 50 minutes Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	06 May 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours

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Advance Assessment Materials

Assessment Session	Assessment	Date to Providers	Date to Students
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Food Sciences Assignment 1	18 March 2026	No more than 1 week prior to the first scheduled assessment
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Laboratory Sciences Assignment 1	05 March 2026	On commencement of Assignment 1
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Metrology Sciences Assignment 1	23 March 2026	On commencement of Assignment 1
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Laboratory Sciences Assignment 2	17 March 2026	N/A (pre-release to Providers only)
Summer 2026	Occupational Specialism Metrology Sciences Assignment 2	17 March 2026	On commencement of Assignment 2
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Food Sciences Assignment 1	17 March 2027	No more than 1 week prior to the first scheduled assessment
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Laboratory Sciences Assignment 1	04 March 2027	On commencement of Assignment 1
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Metrology Sciences Assignment 1	15 April 2027	On commencement of Assignment 1
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Laboratory Sciences Assignment 2	16 March 2027	N/A (pre-release to Providers only)
Summer 2027	Occupational Specialism Metrology Sciences Assignment 2	16 March 2027	On commencement of Assignment 2

Core Components

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Employer Set Project	Core Paper A	Core Paper B
Autumn 2025	27 October 2025	03 November 2025	07 November 2025	Overall 10 November 2025 – 21 November 2025 Total Duration 18 hours*	08 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	12 December 2025 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2026	22 April 2026	29 April 2026	06 May 2026	Overall 11 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Total Duration 18 hours*	15 June 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	19 June 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Autumn 2026	26 October 2026	02 November 2026	06 November 2026	Overall 09 November 2026 – 20 November 2026 Total Duration 18 hours*	07 December 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	11 December 2026 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	03 May 2027	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	Overall 10 May 2027 – 21 May 2027 Total Duration 18 hours*	14 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes	18 June 2027 9.00am Duration 2 hours 30 minutes

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(a) Food Sciences

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1*	Assignment 2*	Assignment 3	Assignment 4
Summer 2026	12 March 2026	19 March 2026	25 March 2026	Tasks 1 – 4 26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 7 hours 30 minutes	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 7 hours 30 minutes **Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	Tasks 1 & 2 18 May 2026 9.00am Duration 3 hours 30 minutes	Tasks 1 & 2 19 May 2026 9.00am Duration 4 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	11 March 2027	18 March 2027	24 March 2027	Tasks 1 – 4 25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 7 hours 30 minutes	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 7 hours 30 minutes **Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	Tasks 1 & 2 24 May 2027 9.00am Duration 3 hours 30 minutes	Tasks 1 & 2 25 May 2029 9.00am Duration 4 hours 30 minutes

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Occupational Specialism

(b) Laboratory Sciences*

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2 Parts A & B**	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	02 March 2026	09 March 2026	13 March 2026	Tasks 1 – 3 16 March 2026 – 20 March 2026 Duration 7 hours	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration A 3 hours B 3 hours Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	18 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Duration 3 hours
Summer 2027	01 March 2027	08 March 2026	12 March 2027	Tasks 1 – 3 15 March 2027 – 19 March 2027 Duration 7 hours	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration A 3 hours B 3 hours Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	17 May 2026 – 21 May 2026 Duration 3 hours

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Occupational Specialism

(c) Metrology Sciences*

Assessment Session	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Very Late Entry Deadline	Assignment 1	Assignment 2**	Assignment 3
Summer 2026	12 March 2026	19 March 2026	25 March 2026	Tasks 1 - 3 27 April 2026 – 01 May 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes	26 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 Duration 7 hours Final marks submitted by 15 May 2026	18 May 2026 – 22 May 2026 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes
Summer 2027	11 March 2027	18 March 2027	24 March 2027	Tasks 1 - 3 26 April 2027 – 30 April 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes	25 March 2027 – 14 May 2027 Duration 7 hours Final marks submitted by 14 May 2027	17 May 2027 – 21 May 2027 Duration 4 hours 30 minutes

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Section 5 General Information

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This section summarises the changes to this document since the last version.

Version	Description of change	Date of Issue
1.0	Provisional Version for External Consultation	April 2025

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