

External Assessment Timetable 2023-2025

Key Stage 4

Certificates
Technical Awards

Key Stage 5

Technical Levels
Technical Certificates
Applied Generals

Please note that T Level qualifications are not included within this timetable. There has been a separate Key Dates Schedule communication for T Levels, you will find this [available here](#).

Some key dates for these qualifications (e.g. registration dates and results release) are arrived at in conjunction with other awarding organisations and regulatory partners, other dates (e.g., individual assessment dates) are determined by NCFE alone.



Guidance information

All Key Stage 4 and 5 qualifications covered by this timetable are subject to Department for Education's technical guidance.

Essential resource information and assessment conditions can be found in the Qualification Specific Instructions for Delivery ([QSID](#)).

Centre responsibilities

The external assessments **must** be completed in line with our [Regulations for the Conduct of External Assessment](#).

Centres must ensure that all staff involved in the external assessment have read and understood the regulations.

Booking your learners for an external assessment

Some qualifications will require you to make the booking upon registration, for all others this is managed as a separate process, and it's the centre's responsibility to ensure learners are booked onto the appropriate assessment window/date.

Bookings, including re-sits, must be made via the 'Manage Bookings' screen in the [NCFE Portal](#). Please refer to the [Portal User Guide](#) for further guidance.

Booking cut-off

All learners must be booked via the [NCFE Portal](#) by the advertised booking cut-off date in this document. Any late bookings will be subject to an additional late booking fee as detailed in our [fees and pricing document for NCFE or CACHE](#).

Reasonable adjustments

If learners require reasonable adjustments these must be submitted in line with the published timescales in our [guidance and policy document](#). Failure to do so may mean your learner/s will not have approval in place for the assessment.

Assessment date

Set date/time: The learners must sit the external assessment at these dates/times in line with our [Regulations for the Conduct of External assessment](#). You'll need to complete the assessment variation form if the assessment date/time clashes with another external assessment/examination.

For assessments with published starting times, centres are enabled to start assessments by up to 30 minutes earlier than, or later than, the published starting time without the requirement to submit an assessment variation request for approval. If the amendment to time is greater than 30 minutes, prior approval must be agreed.

Assessment window

At the beginning of delivering the qualification, you must plan all supervised and/or invigilated sessions within the published assessment window. Assessment timetables may be checked by External Quality Assurers during any centre quality assurance visit.



Pre-release/stimulus materials

For any external assessments where pre-release/stimulus assessment materials are required, these will be provided a minimum of 5 working days (unless otherwise stated) prior to the date of the external assessment/start of the assessment window. Please refer to the [QSID](#) for further information.

Return of external assessments

Partially or fully completed learner work, and the External assessment Register(s)/Submission List, must be returned to NCFE by special delivery/secure courier within 1 working day of the external assessment taking place or the final timetabled supervised/invigilated session. Should the published date or end date of an assessment fall on the final day of a term or half-term, centres must make arrangements to have papers sent or uploaded (if appropriate) on this final day, should relevant staff (e.g., IT support, Examinations Officers) be unavailable on the following working day.

Late return fees will apply to any completed external assessment material that is not received 48 hours after the external assessment.

For the [Level 3 Applied General in Art and Design](#), learner work must be retained securely at the centre in preparation for the Examiner Visit.

Results release

The external assessment results will be released on the date highlighted for each assessment opportunity, specific to the qualification. You will be notified if any results are placed on hold and the reason why. Results can be viewed in the [NCFE Portal](#).

Enquiries about results

Please refer to our [policy](#) for details of deadlines and what you need to fill in.

Contingency planning

Our [External Assessment Contingency Planning](#) publication offers guidance on what a centre should do in any unforeseen circumstances meaning an external assessment cannot go ahead on the published date and time. It also provides guidance on how centres can plan for and deal with severe disruptions and/or emergencies.

V Certs – New model with delivery from September 2022

In September 2022 we launched 11 new V Cert qualifications. Some of these are updated versions of existing V Certs and others cover new subject areas.

These new model V Certs have a single external assessment each year, timetabled in the summer. These assessment dates will be released one year in advance, and the first assessments will take place in summer 2024. This means that this version of our timetable, covering 2023-25, contains a confirmed date for summer 2024 and a provisional date for summer 2025. The exact dates for the 2025 timetable will be published in summer 2024. Details of all 11 V Cert subject areas can be found [here](#).

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Art and Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2964/6	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art & Design	30/10/2023	13/11/2023 9.00am	22/01/2024
			19/02/2024	04/03/2024 9.00am	13/05/2024
3	601/8898/4	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design**	17/04/2023	02/05/2023 - 12/06/2023	11/08/2023
			15/12/2023	08/01/2024 - 16/02/2024	19/04/2024
			15/04/2024	29/04/2024 - 07/06/2024	06/08/2024
			13/12/2024	06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025	18/04/2025
			14/04/2025	28/04/2025 - 06/06/2025	05/08/2025

**** Examiner visit:** this qualification requires a visit by an NCFE Examiner to grade your learners' work. Your allocated examiner will contact your Exams Officer to arrange an appropriate date and time. The Examiner visit must take place after the External Assessment has been completed (your last planned session).



Business and Enterprise

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2955/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise	10/11/2023	24/11/2023 9.00am	02/02/2024
			01/03/2024	15/03/2024 9.00am	24/05/2024
1/2	603/7004/X	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	06/06/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	05/06/2025 1.30pm	21/08/2025
3	601/8908/3	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business and Enterprise	14/06/2023	28/06/2023 9.00am	10/08/2023
			06/03/2024	20/03/2024 9.00am	16/05/2024
			12/06/2024	26/06/2024 9.00am	06/08/2024
			05/03/2025	19/03/2025 9.00am	15/05/2025
			11/06/2025	25/06/2025 9.00am	05/08/2025



Children and Young People - Level 2 and Level 1/2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
603/3293/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	TACDC	27/04/2023	12/05/2023 9.00am	14/07/2023
			12/01/2024	26/01/2024 9.00am	03/04/2024
			26/04/2024*	13/05/2024 9.00am	15/07/2024
603/7012/9	[New] NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care in the Early Years (Performance points from 2024)	N/A	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	12/06/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	10/06/2025 9.00am	21/08/2025

*Final assessment for this qualification

Children and Young People - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
600/7093/6	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales & Northern Ireland)	CCLD Theme 1 - Theme 7	12/05/2023	26/05/2023	21/07/2023
			09/06/2023	23/06/2023	10/08/2023
			08/09/2023*	22/09/2023	08/11/2023
603/7477/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Northern Ireland)	CCLDNI/EDEA Theme 1 CCLDNI/EDEA Theme 2 CCLDNI/EDEA Theme 3 CCLDNI/EDEA Theme 4 CCLDNI/EDEA Theme 5	02/05/2023	16/05/2023	19/07/2023
			21/09/2023	05/10/2023	07/12/2023
			04/01/2024	18/01/2024	20/03/2024
			30/04/2024	15/05/2024	24/07/2024
			19/09/2024	03/10/2024	05/12/2024
			23/12/2024	16/01/2025	19/03/2025
			29/04/2025	14/05/2025	23/07/2025

*Final assessment for this qualification

Children and Young People - Level 3 Applied Generals suite

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 45 mins)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested - The Certificate requires both the AGAEYCE and AGCEYCE					
603/2987/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education	AGAEYCE	22/05/2023	06/06/2023 9.00am	27/07/2023
			22/02/2024	08/03/2024 9.00am	13/05/2024
			22/05/2024	06/06/2024 9.00am	29/07/2024
			20/02/2025	07/03/2025 9.00am	12/05/2025
			21/05/2025	05/06/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025
603/2988/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education	AGCEYCE	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (8 hours)	External assessment results released
			08/04/2023	25/04/2023 - 11/05/2023	14/07/2023
			19/12/2023	09/01/2024 - 24/01/2024	02/04/2024
			08/04/2024	22/04/2024 - 09/05/2024	15/07/2024
			19/12/2024	14/01/2025 - 29/01/2025	07/04/2025
10/04/2025	28/04/2025 - 14/05/2025	21/07/2025			



Creative Design and Production

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/ window	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7003/8	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	14/06/2024 9.00am	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	13/06/2025 900am	21/08/2025



Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
601/3955/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care	EYE/SAE	26/04/2023	11/05/2023 9.00am	14/07/2023
			18/01/2024	01/02/2024 9.00am	04/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 9.00am	12/07/2024
			23/01/2025	06/02/2025 9.00am	03/04/2025
			23/04/2025	08/05/2025 9.00am	11/07/2025

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released		
601/2147/6	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (EYE)	EYE/EE Theme 1 EYE/EE Theme 2	27/04/2023	12/05/2023	14/07/2023		
			20/09/2023	04/10/2023	06/12/2023		
			09/01/2024	23/01/2024	26/03/2024		
			26/04/2024	10/05/2024	12/07/2024		
			18/09/2024	02/10/2024	04/12/2024		
			14/01/2025	28/01/2025	25/03/2025		
			24/04/2025	09/05/2025	11/07/2025		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
		EYE/RS Theme 1 EYE/RS Theme 2	21/04/2023	05/05/2023	11/07/2023		
			07/09/2023	21/09/2023	23/11/2023		
			20/12/2023	12/01/2024	15/03/2024		
			19/04/2024	03/05/2024	09/07/2024		
			05/09/2024	19/09/2024	28/11/2024		
			17/12/2024	10/01/2025	21/03/2025		
16/04/2025	02/05/2025		08/07/2025				

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
601/2147/6	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (EYE)	EYE/SAE	26/04/2023	11/05/2023 9.00am	14/07/2023
			18/01/2024	01/02/2024 9.00am	04/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 9.00am	12/07/2024
			23/01/2025	06/02/2025 9.00am	03/04/2025
			23/04/2025	08/05/2025 9.00am	11/07/2025

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested - The Diploma requires both CCE1 and DCE2					
601/8436/X	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education	CCE1	19/04/2023	04/05/2023 – 22/05/2023	25/07/2023
			18/12/2023	10/01/2024 – 26/01/2024	02/04/2024
			19/04/2024	03/05/2024 – 22/05/2024	25/07/2024
			20/12/2024	15/01/2025 – 31/01/2025	08/04/2025
			16/04/2025	02/05/2025 – 21/05/2025	24/07/2025
601/8437/1	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)	DCE2	09/05/2023	23/05/2023 – 15/06/2023	09/08/2023
			15/01/2024	29/01/2024 – 23/02/2024	29/04/2024
			09/05/2024	23/05/2024 – 18/06/2024	06/08/2024
			20/01/2025	03/02/2025 – 26/02/2025	05/05/2025
			08/05/2025	22/05/2025 – 18/06/2025	05/08/2025

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window	External assessment results released
601/8438/3	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator)	DEYEC 1	17/04/2023	03/05/2023 – 19/05/2023	14/07/2023
			09/01/2024	23/01/2024 – 08/02/2024	10/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 – 24/05/2024	18/07/2024
			14/01/2025	28/01/2025 – 13/02/2025	09/04/2025
			23/04/2025	07/05/2025 – 23/05/2025	11/07/2025
		DEYEC 2	26/04/2023	11/05/2023 – 26/05/2023	01/08/2023
			16/01/2024	30/01/2024 – 16/02/2024	12/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 – 24/05/2024	30/07/2024
			21/01/2025	04/02/2025 – 21/02/2025	17/04/2025
			24/04/2025	08/05/2025 – 23/05/2025	29/07/2025

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
601/8438/3	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator)	EYE/SAE	26/04/2023	11/05/2023 9.00am	14/07/2023
			18/01/2024	01/02/2024 9.00am	04/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 9.00am	12/07/2024
			21/01/2025	06/02/2025 9.00am	03/04/2025
			23/04/2025	08/05/2025 9.00am	11/07/2025



Engineering Studies

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2963/4	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering Studies	09/11/2023	23/11/2023 9.00am	01/02/2024
			29/02/2024	14/03/2024 9.00am	23/05/2024
1/2	603/7006/3	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	07/06/2024 9.00am	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	06/06/2025 9.00am	21/08/2025



Food and Cookery

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7014/2	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Food and Cookery (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	24/05/2024 9.00am	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	22/05/2025 9.00am	21/08/2025



Graphic Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/window	External assessment results released
1	603/0844/8	NCFE Level 1 Award in Graphic Design	Shared External Assessment	15/05/2023	30/05/2023 – 26/06/2023	11/08/2023
2	603/0845/X	NCFE Level 2 Award in Graphic Design		15/01/2024	29/01/2024 – 23/02/2024	02/05/2024
				13/05/2024	28/05/2024 – 24/06/2024	16/08/2024
1/2	603/7011/7	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Graphic Design (Performance points from 2024)		30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	04/06/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	03/06/2025 1.30pm	21/08/2025



Health and Fitness

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2650/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness	01/11/2023	15/11/2023 9.00am	24/01/2024
			21/02/2024	06/03/2024 9.00am	15/05/2024
1/2	603/7007/5	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	04/06/2024 9.00am	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	03/06/2025 9.00am	21/08/2025



Health and Social Care - Level 1/2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/window	External assessment results released
603/3294/3	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	TAHSC/SAE	28/04/2023	12/05/2023 9.00am	20/07/2023
			22/01/2024	05/02/2024 9.00am	08/04/2024
			29/04/2024*	14/05/2024 9.00am	22/07/2024
603/7013/0	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care (Performance points from 2024)	N/A	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	23/05/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	22/05/2025 1.30pm	21/08/2025

*Final assessment for this qualification

Health and Social Care - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested. HSC/CEA is required for the Extended Diploma					
601/6109/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	HSC/CEA Theme 1	25/04/2023	10/05/2023	13/07/2023
			08/09/2023	22/09/2023	24/11/2023
		HSC/CEA Theme 2	15/12/2023	05/01/2024	11/03/2024
			25/04/2024	10/05/2024	15/07/2024
			13/09/2024	27/09/2024	22/11/2024
			18/12/2024	10/01/2025	10/03/2025
			24/04/2025	09/05/2025	21/07/2025
601/6110/3	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSC/EDEA Theme 1	03/05/2023	17/05/2023	20/07/2023
			22/09/2023	06/10/2023	08/12/2023
		HSC/EDEA Theme 2	04/01/2024	18/01/2024	22/03/2024
			03/05/2024	17/05/2024	19/07/2024
			20/09/2024	04/10/2024	13/12/2024
			24/12/2024	16/01/2025	28/03/2025
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025	18/07/2025

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (20 hours)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested HSC1 is required for the Extended Diploma					
601/8434/6	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	HSC1	13/04/2023	27/04/2023 - 15/05/2023	19/07/2023
			21/12/2023	15/01/2024 - 31/01/2024	02/04/2024
			15/04/2024	29/04/2024 - 15/05/2024	22/07/2024
			13/01/2025	27/01/2025 - 15/02/2025	14/04/2025
			10/04/2025	28/04/2025 - 14/05/2025	28/07/2025
601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSED2	24/04/2023	10/05/2023 - 26/05/2023	28/07/2023
			16/01/2024	30/01/2024 - 22/02/2024	12/04/2024
			24/04/2024	09/05/2024 - 28/05/2024	29/07/2024
			21/01/2025	04/02/2025 - 27/02/2025	17/04/2025
			23/04/2025	08/05/2025 - 27/05/2025	28/07/2025

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested HSC1 is required for the Extended Diploma					
601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSC/SAE*	27/04/2023	12/05/2023 9.00am	14/07/2023
		Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	External assessment results released
		HSCNI/SAE**	28/04/2023	17/05/2023 9.00am	20/07/2023
			04/01/2024	18/01/2024 9.00am	25/03/2024
			02/05/2024	17/05/2024 9.00am	22/07/2024
			23/12/2024	16/01/2025 9.00am	24/03/2025
01/05/2025	16/05/2025 9.00am		28/07/2025		

*Learners registered on or before 31 July 2021 will undertake the HSC/SAE external assessment. Centres will be required to deliver the **Anatomy and Physiology unit for learners registered on or before 31 July 2021**.

** Learners registered 1 August 2021 onwards will undertake the HSCNI/SAE external assessment. Centres will be required to deliver the new **Qualification Specification for learners registered 1 August 2021 onwards**.

Health and Social Care - Applied General suite

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 45 minutes)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested - The Certificate requires both the AGAHSC and AGCHSC					
603/2913/0	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award in Health and Social Care	AGAHSC	19/05/2023	05/06/2023 9.00am	04/08/2023
			23/02/2024	08/03/2024 9.00am	13/05/2024
			20/05/2024	04/06/2024 9.00am	01/08/2024
			28/02/2025	14/03/2025 9.00am	12/05/2025
			19/05/2025	03/06/2025 9.00am	07/08/2025

Health and Social Care - Applied General suite

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (8 hours)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested - The Certificate requires both the AGAHSC and AGCHSC					
603/2914/2	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care	AGCHSC	12/04/2023	26/04/2023 - 12/05/2023	20/07/2023
			20/12/2023	11/01/2024 - 29/01/2024	02/04/2024
			10/04/2024	24/04/2024 - 10/05/2024	18/07/2024
			17/12/2024	09/01/2025 - 27/01/2025	07/04/2025
			10/04/2025	25/04/2025 - 13/05/2025	28/07/2025

Health and Social Care - Applied General suite

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	External assessment results released
603/5355/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland)	HSCNI/SAE	28/04/2023	17/05/2023 9.00am	20/07/2023
			04/01/2024	18/01/2024 9.00am	25/03/2024
			02/05/2024	17/05/2024 9.00am	22/07/2024
			23/12/2024	16/01/2025 9.00am	24/03/2025
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025
		Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
		HSCNI/EDEA Theme 1	17/05/2023	01/06/2023	21/07/2023
		HSCNI/EDEA Theme 2	19/01/2024	02/02/2024	05/04/2024
		HSCNI/EDEA Theme 3	20/05/2024	04/06/2024	22/07/2024
		HSCNI/EDEA Theme 4	24/01/2025	07/02/2025	04/04/2025
		19/05/2025	03/06/2025	28/07/2025	



Interactive Media

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/window	External assessment results released
1	603/0851/5	NCFE Level 1 Award in Interactive Media	Shared External Assessment	21/04/2023	08/05/2023 - 16/06/2023	11/08/2023
2	603/0852/7	NCFE Level 2 Award in Interactive Media		15/12/2023	08/01/2024 - 16/02/2024	18/04/2024
				29/04/2024	14/05/2024 - 21/06/2024	16/08/2024
1/2	603/7005/1	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Interactive Media (Performance points from 2024)		30/04/2024	14/06/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025	13/06/2025 1.30pm	21/08/2025



Music Technology

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Assessment component	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/window	External assessment results released
1/2	601/6777/4	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Music Technology	Shared External Assessment	Practical	26/05/2023	12/06/2023 – 16/06/2023	04/08/2023
					19/02/2024	04/03/2024 – 08/03/2024	10/05/2024
					24/05/2024	10/06/2024 – 14/06/2024	09/08/2024
	601/6774/9	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology		Written	26/05/2023	12/06/2023 – 16/06/2023	04/08/2023
					19/02/2024	04/03/2024 – 08/03/2024	10/05/2024
					24/05/2024	10/06/2024 – 14/06/2024	09/08/2024

Music Technology

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment component	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/ window	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7008/7	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology (Performance points from 2024)	N/A	30/04/2024	13/06/2024 1.30pm	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025	12/06/2025 1.30pm	21/08/2025
3	601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology	Practical	19/04/2023	04/05/2023 – 09/06/2023	31/07/2023
				09/01/2024	23/01/2024 – 22/02/2024	12/04/2024
				18/04/2024	02/05/2024 – 07/06/2024	29/07/2024
				07/01/2025	21/01/2025 – 20/02/2025	11/04/2025
				15/04/2025	01/05/2025 – 06/06/2025	28/07/2025
			Written	25/05/2023	09/06/2023 9.00am	31/07/2023
				23/02/2024	08/03/2024 9.00am	10/05/2024
				23/05/2024	07/06/2024 9.00am	29/07/2024
				21/02/2025	07/03/2025 9.00am	09/05/2025
				22/05/2025	06/06/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025



Performance Skills

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/ window	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2960/9	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performance Skills	08/11/2023	22/11/2023 9.00am	30/01/2024
			28/02/2024	13/03/2024 9.00am	21/05/2024



Sports Studies

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/ window	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7010/5	[New] NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport Studies (Performance points from 2024)	30/04/2024	19/06/2024 9.00am	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025	18/06/2025 9.00am	21/08/2025



FAQs

Where can I find information on the resources I need to provide for the external assessment?

Please check in our [QSID](#).

How do I know if there are pre-release materials/stimulus materials for the external assessment?

Please check in our [QSID](#).

How do I know what conditions the external assessment needs to be delivered under?

Please check in our [QSID](#). External assessments must be administered in line with our [Regulations for the Conduct of External Assessment](#).

How do I book my learners for the external assessment?

This will be managed through our Portal. Please refer to the [Portal User Guide](#) for further guidance.

What do I do if I've missed the booking cut-off date?

We accept late bookings after the cut-off date has passed through until midnight the day before the assessment/start of the assessment window. Late bookings must be made through the [Portal](#) and are subject to late booking fees as detailed in our fees and pricing documents for NCFE or CACHE.

What if my learners can't attend at the time you have specified?

For all Key Stage 4 and 5 qualifications centres are permitted to start assessments by up to 30 minutes earlier than, or later than, the published starting time without the requirement to submit an assessment variation request for approval. If the amendment to time is greater than 30 minutes, an assessment variation request must be submitted and prior approval must be agreed.

When will I receive confirmation of my learners' results?

Results will be released on the date highlighted for each assessment specific to the qualification. Results can be viewed in the NCFE Portal.

