

External Assessment Timetable 2024-2026

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 on our website.

Some key dates for these particular T Level qualifications (e.g., registration dates and results release) are arrived at in conjunction with other Awarding Bodies 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, in addition to information provided in Tutor Guides for each V-Cert qualification.

For V Cert qualifications the non-exam assessment (NEA) **must** be completed in line with the regulations for the conduct of the NEA outlined in the Tutor Guidance document available on the qualification page on the NCFE website.

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 learners 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.

For V Cert NEAs for 2024/25, the live brief will be published on 2 September 2025. Centres will be able to start the assessment only when all teaching and learning of the full qualification is complete.



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 or Assessment Audit Advisors during any centre quality assurance visit.

For the V Cert NEAs for 2024/25, centres must plan sufficient time with contingency to ensure all assessments are complete and learner marks can be entered into the Portal no later than 30 April 2025.

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 2 working days (3 working days for digitally uploaded work) 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 72 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.

Submission of V Cert non-exam assessment (NEA)

The deadline for submitting assessment marks for the NEA is 30 April each year. On 1 May a sample plan list will be generated on the system, and you'll have 3 working days in which to upload all of the learner evidence, feedback sheets and checklists. Please refer to the checklist in each assessment pack for specifics of what documents are required to be uploaded.

Learner marks and evidence must be submitted by the specified dates to guarantee results are issued in line with published result release dates.

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 and Reviews of Moderation

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

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

These new style V Certs have a single external assessment each year and a single non-examination assessment (NEA), timetabled in the summer. These assessment dates will be released 1 year in advance, and the first assessments took place in Summer 2024. This means that this version of our timetable, covering 2024-26, contains a confirmed date of Summer 2025 and a provisional date for summer 2026. The exact dates for the 2025/26 timetable will be published in Summer 2025. The full list of the available new V Certs that this relates to can be found [here](#).

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Art and Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date/ window	External assessment results released
3	601/8898/4	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design*	15/04/2024	29/04/2024 - 07/06/2024	06/08/2024
			12/12/2024	06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025	18/04/2025
			10/04/2025	28/04/2025 - 06/06/2025	05/08/2025
			11/12/2025**	05/01/2026 - 13/02/2026	17/04/2026

* **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)

**Final external assessment opportunity



Business and Enterprise

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7004/X	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	06/06/2024 1.30pm	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	16/05/2025* 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	22/05/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026
3	601/8908/3	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business and Enterprise	12/06/2024	26/06/2024 9.00am	N/A	06/08/2024
			05/03/2025	19/03/2025 9.00am	N/A	15/05/2025
			11/06/2025	25/06/2025 9.00am	N/A	05/08/2025
			04/03/2026**	18/03/2026 9.00am	N/A	14/05/2026

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**Final assessment for this qualification



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

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
603/3293/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	TACDC	26/04/2024*	13/05/2024 9.00am	N/A	15/07/2024
603/7012/9	NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care in the Early Years	N/A	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	12/06/2024 1.30pm	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	10/06/2025 9.00am	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	09/06/2026 9.00am	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

*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
603/7477/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Northern Ireland)	CCLDNI/EDEA1 CCLDNI/EDEA2 CCLDNI/EDEA3 CCLDNI/EDEA4 CCLDNI/EDEA5	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
			18/09/2025	02/10/2025	04/12/2025
			22/12/2025	15/01/2026	18/03/2026
			28/04/2026	13/05/2026	22/07/2026

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	22/05/2024	06/06/2024 9.00am	29/07/2024
			21/02/2025	07/03/2025 9.00am	12/05/2025
			21/05/2025	05/06/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025
			20/02/2026	06/03/2026 9.00am	11/05/2026
			20/05/2026	04/06/2026 9.00am	27/07/2026
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
			08/04/2024	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
			18/12/2025	13/01/2026 - 28/01/2026	07/04/2026
13/04/2026	27/04/2026 - 13/05/2026	20/07/2026			



Creative Design and Production

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7003/8	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	14/06/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	12/06/2025* 900am	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	12/06/2026 9.00am	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

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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	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
			22/01/2026	05/02/2026 9.00am	02/04/2026
			22/04/2026	07/05/2026 9.00am	10/07/2026

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested – the Diploma requires both EYE/EPS and EYE/EA					
601/3999/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education	EYE/EPS1 EYE/EPS2 EYE/EPS3	13/09/2024	27/09/2024	22/11/2024
			16/12/2024	09/01/2025	12/03/2025
			21/03/2025	04/04/2025	10/06/2025
			12/09/2025	26/09/2025	21/11/2025
			15/12/2025	08/01/2026	11/03/2026
			19/03/2026	02/04/2026	09/06/2026
601/4000/8	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)	EYE/EA1 EYE/EA2	02/05/2024	17/05/2024	19/07/2024
			04/09/2024	18/09/2024	27/11/2024
			03/01/2025	17/01/2025	28/03/2025
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025	18/07/2025
			03/09/2025	17/09/2025	26/11/2025
			02/01/2026	16/01/2026	27/03/2026
			30/04/2026	15/05/2026	17/07/2026

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/EE1 EYE/EE2	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		
			17/09/2025	01/10/2025	03/12/2025		
			13/01/2026	27/01/2026	24/03/2026		
			23/04/2026	08/05/2026	10/07/2026		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
		EYE/RS1 EYE/RS2	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		
			04/09/2025	18/09/2025	27/11/2025		
			16/12/2025	09/01/2026	20/03/2026		
17/04/2026	01/05/2026		07/07/2026				

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	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
			22/01/2026	05/02/2026 9.00am	02/04/2026
			22/04/2026	07/05/2026 9.00am	10/07/2026

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	19/04/2024	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
			19/12/2025	14/01/2026 - 30/01/2026	07/04/2026
			17/04/2026	01/05/2026 - 20/05/2026	23/07/2026
601/8437/1	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)	DCE2	09/05/2024	23/05/2024 - 18/06/2024	06/08/2024
			20/01/2025	03/02/2025 - 26/02/2025	06/05/2025
			08/05/2025	22/05/2025 - 18/06/2025	05/08/2025
			19/01/2026	02/02/2026 - 25/02/2026	05/05/2026
			07/05/2026	21/05/2026 - 17/06/2026	04/08/2026

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	24/04/2024	09/05/2024 – 24/05/2024	18/07/2024
			14/01/2025	28/01/2025 – 13/02/2025	09/04/2025
			22/04/2025	07/05/2025 – 23/05/2025	11/07/2025
			13/01/2026	27/01/2026 – 12/02/2026	08/04/2026
			21/04/2026	06/05/2026 – 22/05/2026	10/07/2026
		DEYEC 2	24/04/2024	09/05/2024 – 24/05/2024	30/07/2024
			21/01/2025	04/02/2025 – 21/02/2025	17/04/2025
			23/04/2025	08/05/2025 – 23/05/2025	29/07/2025
			20/01/2026	03/02/2026 – 20/02/2026	17/04/2026
			22/04/2026	07/05/2026 – 22/05/2026	28/07/2026

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	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
			22/01/2026	05/02/2026 9.00am	02/04/2026
			22/04/2026	07/05/2026 9.00am	10/07/2026



Engineering Studies

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7006/3	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	07/06/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	21/05/2025* 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	20/05/2026 9.00am	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

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Food and Cookery

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7014/2	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Food and Cookery	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	23/05/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	19/05/2025* 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	18/05/2026 9.00am	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

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Graphic Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date/window	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1	603/0844/8	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Graphic Design	Shared External Assessment	13/05/2024	28/05/2024 - 24/06/2024	N/A	16/08/2024
2	603/0845/X	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design					
1/2	603/7011/7	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Graphic Design		30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	04/06/2024 1.30pm	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	05/06/2025* 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	02/06/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

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Health and Fitness

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7007/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	04/06/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	20/05/2025* 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	19/05/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

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Health and Social Care - Level 1/2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Entries cut- off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
603/3294/3	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	TAHSC/SAE	29/04/2024*	14/05/2024 9.00am	N/A	22/07/2024
603/7013/0	NCFE CACHE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	N/A	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	23/05/2024 1.30pm	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	22/05/2025 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	21/05/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026

*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/CEA1 HSC/CEA2	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
			12/09/2025	26/09/2025	21/11/2025
			17/12/2025	09/01/2026	09/03/2026
			23/04/2026	08/05/2026	20/07/2026
601/6110/3	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSC/EDEA1 HSC/EDEA2	03/05/2024	17/05/2024	19/07/2024
			20/09/2024	04/10/2024	13/12/2024
			02/01/2025	16/01/2025	28/03/2025
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025	18/07/2025
			19/09/2025	03/10/2025	12/12/2025
			23/12/2025	15/01/2026	27/03/2026
			30/04/2026	15/05/2026	17/07/2026

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	15/04/2024	29/04/2024 - 15/05/2024	22/07/2024
			13/01/2025	27/01/2025 - 14/02/2025	14/04/2025
			10/04/2025	28/04/2025 - 14/05/2025	28/07/2025
			12/01/2026	26/01/2026 - 13/02/2026	13/04/2026
			13/04/2026	27/04/2026 - 13/05/2026	27/07/2026
601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSED2	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
			20/01/2026	03/02/2026 - 26/02/2026	17/04/2026
			22/04/2026	07/05/2026 - 26/05/2026	27/07/2026

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 minutes)	External assessment results released
601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSCNI/SAE	02/05/2024	17/05/2024 9.00am	22/07/2024
			02/01/2025	16/01/2025 9.00am	24/03/2025
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025
			23/12/2025	15/01/2026 9.00am	23/03/2026
			30/04/2026	15/05/2026 9.00am	27/07/2026

Health and Social Care - Level 3 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	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
			27/02/2026	13/03/2026 9.00am	11/05/2026
			18/05/2026	02/06/2026 9.00am	06/08/2026
Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (8 hours)	External assessment results released
603/2914/2	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care	AGCHSC	10/04/2024	24/04/2024 - 10/05/2024	18/07/2024
			17/12/2024	09/01/2025 - 27/01/2025	07/04/2025
			09/04/2025	25/04/2025 - 13/05/2025	28/07/2025
			16/12/2025	08/01/2026 - 26/01/2026	07/04/2026
			10/04/2026	24/04/2026 - 12/05/2026	27/07/2026

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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	02/05/2024	17/05/2024 9.00am	22/07/2024		
			02/01/2025	16/01/2025 9.00am	24/03/2025		
			01/05/2025	16/05/2025 9.00am	28/07/2025		
			23/12/2025	15/01/2026 9.00am	23/03/2026		
			30/04/2026	15/05/2026 9.00am	27/07/2026		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
				HSCNI/EDEA1 HSCNI/EDEA2 HSCNI/EDEA3 HSCNI/EDEA4	20/05/2024	04/06/2024	22/07/2024
					24/01/2025	07/02/2025	04/04/2025
					19/05/2025	03/06/2025	28/07/2025
					23/01/2026	06/02/2026	02/04/2026
		18/05/2026	02/06/2026		27/07/2026		



Interactive Media

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date/window	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1	603/0851/5	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Interactive Media	Shared External Assessment	29/04/2024	14/05/2024 - 21/06/2024	N/A	16/08/2024
2	603/0852/7	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Interactive Media					
1/2	603/7005/1	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Interactive Media		30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	13/06/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	13/06/2025 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	12/06/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026



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	24/05/2024	10/06/2024 - 14/06/2024	09/08/2024
	601/6774/9	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology		Written	24/05/2024	10/06/2024 - 14/06/2024	09/08/2024

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Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment component	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date/ window	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7008/7	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology	N/A	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	13/06/2024 1.30pm	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	12/06/2025 1.30pm	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
				31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	11/06/2026 1.30pm	30/04/2026	20/08/2026
3	601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology	Practical	18/04/2024	02/05/2024 - 07/06/2024	N/A	29/07/2024
				07/01/2025	21/01/2025 - 20/02/2025	N/A	11/04/2025
				17/04/2025	01/05/2025 - 06/06/2025	N/A	28/07/2025
				06/01/2026*	20/01/2026 - 19/02/2026	N/A	10/04/2026
			Written	23/05/2024	07/06/2024 9.00am	N/A	29/07/2024
				21/02/2025	07/03/2025 9.00am	N/A	09/05/2025
				22/05/2025	06/06/2025 9.00am	N/A	28/07/2025
				20/02/2026*	06/03/2026 9.00am	N/A	08/05/2026

*Final external assessment opportunity



Sports Studies

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date (external assessment and NEA)	External assessment date and time (1 hour and 30 minutes)	Internal assessment (NEA) deadline date	External assessment results released
1/2	603/7010/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport Studies	30/04/2024 (Final registrations)	19/06/2024 9.00am	30/04/2024	22/08/2024
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	18/06/2025 9.00am	30/04/2025	21/08/2025
			31/01/2025 (Final registrations)	17/06/2026 9.00am	30/04/2026	20/08/2026



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.

Where can I find more information on the NEA and moderation?

Please refer to the [moderation page](#) on our website.

