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# Key dates in the examination cycle, Vocational and Technical qualifications

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The JCQ publishes key dates for examination series where they are common to all the JCQ awarding bodies.

Dates appear on timetables and in various awarding body and JCQ documents. However, sometimes a simple date cannot be found quickly when the need arises. The 'need to know' dates for the VTQ January 2025 examination series are listed on **page 3**.

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

## Key dates – VTQ January 2025 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	AWARDING BODY	CATEGORY
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024/25</b>			
06/09/2024	Basedata for January 2025 series available	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Entries
04/10/2024	Deadline for ordering modified papers	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
21/10/2024	Deadline for entries	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Entries
21/10/2024	Deadline to process applications for access arrangements	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Access arrangements
02/12/2024	Deadline for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam preparation
06/12/2024	Deadline for ordering non-interactive electronic (PDF) question papers	OCR	Access arrangements
<b>SPRING TERM 2024/25</b>			
07/01/2025	Date of first VTQ examination	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
07/01/2025	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
23/01/2025	Date of last VTQ examination	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
30/01/2025	Deadline for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Exam time
26/02/2025	Restricted release of results to centres	AQA	Results & certification
27/02/2025	Release of results to candidates	AQA	Results & certification
05/03/2025	Restricted release of results to centres	WJEC	Results & certification
06/03/2025	Release of results to candidates	WJEC	Results & certification
12/03/2025	Release of Cambridge Technicals results	OCR	Results & certification
19/03/2025	Restricted release of Cambridge Nationals results and Pearson BTEC results to centres	OCR and Pearson	Results & certification
20/03/2025	Release of Cambridge Nationals results and Pearson BTEC results to candidates	OCR and Pearson	Results & certification
<b>SUMMER TERM 2024/25</b>			
31/05/2025	Date by which certificates will arrive in centres	AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC	Results & certification

**Notes:**

1. Centres should consult awarding body administration documents as it may be possible to submit applications for special consideration prior to 9 January 2025.
2. The deadline for Access to Scripts, clerical checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation or other results enquiries (e.g. Missing and Incomplete Results) will be five weeks after the awarding body's publication of results.

## Appendix A – List of qualifications in scope for key dates, January 2025 series

AQA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
<p><b>Applied General qualifications</b></p> <p>Certificate in Applied Business</p> <p>Extended Certificate in Applied Business</p> <p>Certificate in Applied Science</p> <p>Extended Certificate in Applied Science</p>	<p><b>Cambridge Nationals</b></p> <p>Child Development</p> <p>Creative Media</p> <p>Engineering Design</p> <p>Engineering Manufacture</p> <p>Engineering Programmable Systems</p> <p>Enterprise and Marketing</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>IT</p> <p>Sport Science</p> <p>Sport Studies</p> <p><b>Level 2 Cambridge Technicals</b></p> <p>Business Administration</p> <p>Digital Media</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Health &amp; Social Care</p> <p>IT</p> <p>Sport and Physical Activity</p> <p><b>Level 3 Cambridge Technicals</b></p> <p>Applied Science</p> <p>Business</p> <p>Digital Media</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Health &amp; Social Care</p> <p>IT</p> <p>Performing Arts</p> <p>Sport and Physical Activity</p>	<p><b>BTEC Nationals</b></p> <p>Agriculture/Countryside Management/Horticulture/Forestry and Arboriculture</p> <p>Animal Management</p> <p>Applied Human Biology</p> <p>Applied Law</p> <p>Applied Psychology</p> <p>Applied Science</p> <p>Applied Science/Forensic and Criminal Investigation</p> <p>Art and Design</p> <p>Business/Enterprise and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Computing</p> <p>Construction and the Built Environment</p> <p>CPLD</p> <p>Creative Digital Media Production</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Equine Management</p> <p>Forensic and Criminal Investigation</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>IT</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>Music Performance</p> <p>Music Technology</p> <p>Performing Arts</p> <p>Sport</p> <p>Sport and Exercise Science</p> <p>Travel and Tourism</p> <p>Uniformed Protective Services</p> <p><b>BTEC Tech Awards (2022)</b></p> <p>Animal Care</p> <p>Child Development</p> <p>Construction and the Built Environment</p> <p>Digital Information Technology</p> <p>Enterprise</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Sport</p> <p>Travel and Tourism</p> <p><b>BTEC Firsts</b></p> <p>Animal Care</p> <p>Business</p> <p>Construction and the Built Environment</p> <p>CPLD</p> <p>Creative Digital Media Production</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Hospitality</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Public Services</p> <p>Travel and Tourism</p>	<p><b>Level 2 / Level 3</b></p> <p>WJEC Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts (Wales only)</p> <p>WJEC Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory (Wales only)</p> <p>WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts (Wales only)</p> <p><b>Level 1/2</b></p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Construction and the Built Environment (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Engineering (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Health and Social Care (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Performing Arts (Technical Award)</p> <p>WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Sport and Coaching Principles (Technical Award)</p> <p><b>Level 1</b></p> <p>WJEC Level 1 Certificate in Latin Language</p> <p>WJEC Level 1 Certificate in Latin Language and Roman Civilisation</p>