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# Year-End Timeframes

End-Point Assessment (EPA)  
2026



# Introduction

The table in this document shows our recommended gateway submission dates across each standard. We ask that you work towards these dates to ensure that the end-point assessment is completed by **31 July 2026**.

Our recommended gateway submission dates are measured from our average completion timeframe per standard and any prescribed windows that must be adhered to, as per the individual assessment plans.

**Assessment window** refers to the individual prescribed timeframes in which all assessment methods are undertaken as outlined within the [published assessment plan](#).

**Our average completion timeframe**, per standard, refers to the average duration of an apprentice being accepted through gateway to completing the final EPA component.

Apprenticeship Standard	Recommended Gateway Date (to achieve typical TQUK completion time)	Assessment Window (as per the assessment plan)	Average TQUK Completion Time
<b>MARCH</b>			
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0563 <b>Learning and Development Consultant Business Partner v1.0/1.1</b>	13 March	20 weeks	20 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0562 <b>Learning and Development Practitioner v1.0</b>	13 March	20 weeks	20 weeks
<b>APRIL</b>			
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0551 <b>Early Years Lead Practitioner v1.0</b>	10 April*	20 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0238 <b>HR Consultant Partner v1.2</b>	10 April	16 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0239 <b>HR Support v1.1</b>	10 April	16 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST1031 <b>Multi-Channel Marketer v1.0</b>	10 April	20 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0385 <b>Operations or Departmental Manager v1.2</b>	10 April	20 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0385 <b>Operations Manager v1.3/1.4</b>	10 April	20 weeks	16 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0310 <b>Associate Project Manager v1.4/1.5</b>	10 April	20 weeks	16 weeks

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<b>MAY</b>			
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0071 <b>Customer Service Specialist</b> v1/v1.2/v1.3	8 May	12 weeks	12 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0936 <b>Town Planning Assistant</b> v1.0	22 May	10 weeks	10 weeks
<b>JUNE</b>			
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0149 <b>Learning and Skills Teacher</b> v1.0/1.1/1.2/1.3/1.4	5 June*	8 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST1380 <b>Learning and Skills Assessor</b> v1.0/1.1	5 June*	12 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0148 <b>Learning Mentor</b> v1.0	5 June*	8 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0146 <b>Assessor Coach</b> v1.0	19 June	8 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0088 <b>Children, Young People and Families Practitioner</b> v1.0	19 June	8 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0467 <b>Poultry Technician</b> v1.0	19 June	No prescribed window	6 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0467 <b>Poultry Technician</b> v1.2	19 June	12 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0389 <b>Poultry Worker</b> v1.0	19 June	No prescribed window	6 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0389 <b>Poultry Worker</b> v1.1	19 June	12 weeks	6 weeks

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TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0384 <b>Team Leader</b> v1.3/v1.4	19 June	12 weeks	6 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0454 <b>Teaching Assistant</b> v1.0/1.1	19 June*	12 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST1414 <b>Specialist Teaching Assistant</b> v1.0/1.1	19 June*	12 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST1030 <b>Safeguarding Support Officer</b> v1.0	26 June	<b>12 weeks</b>	5 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0868 <b>Early Intervention Practitioner</b> v1.1	26 June	12 weeks	5 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0135 <b>Early Years Educator</b> v1.3	30 June*	12 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0888 <b>Early Years Practitioner</b> v1.1	30 June*	12 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0551 <b>Early Years Lead Practitioner</b> v1.1	30 June*	12 weeks	4 weeks
<b>JULY</b>			
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0214 <b>Advanced and Creative Hair Professional</b> v1.0	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0310 <b>Associate Project Manager</b> v1.3	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST1273 <b>Barbering Professional</b> v1.0	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0070 <b>Business Administrator</b> v1.1	3 July	12 weeks	4 weeks

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TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0072 <b>Customer Service Practitioner v1.1</b>	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0213 <b>Hairdressing Professional v1.2</b>	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0007 <b>Lead Practitioner in Adult Care v1.0</b>	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST0007 <b>Lead Practitioner in Adult Care v1.1</b>	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0008 <b>Leader in Adult Care v1.0</b>	3 July	No prescribed window	4 weeks
TQUK Level 4 End-Point Assessment for ST1379 <b>Learning and Skills Mentor v1.0/1.1/1.2/1.3</b>	3 July	12 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0867 <b>Playworker v1.0</b>	3 July	8 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0384 <b>Team Leader or Supervisor v1.2</b>	3 July	16 weeks	4 weeks
TQUK Level 5 End-Point Assessment for ST0087 <b>Children, Young People and Families Manager v1.0</b>	10 July	8 weeks	3 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0122 <b>Digital Marketer v1.1</b>	10 July	8 weeks	3 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0005 <b>Adult Care Worker v1.1</b>	17 July	No prescribed window	2 weeks
TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0005 <b>Adult Care Worker v1.2</b>	17 July	No prescribed window	2 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0135 <b>Early Years Educator v1.2</b>	17 July*	12 weeks	2 weeks

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TQUK Level 2 End-Point Assessment for ST0888 <b>Early Years Practitioner v1.0</b>	17 July*	12 weeks	2 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0006 <b>Lead Adult Care Worker v1.1</b>	17 July	No prescribed window	2 weeks
TQUK Level 3 End-Point Assessment for ST0006 <b>Lead Adult Care Worker v1.2</b>	17 July	No prescribed window	2 weeks

*\*The assessment may be affected by nursery school, school or college closures or different activities during the last few weeks of term/July. The gateway date represents this aspect. Please ensure this is accounted for when planning for year-end completions.*

## Worked example of our recommended gateway submission dates

Our typical timeframe from gateway approval to end-point assessment completion (*completion of the last EPA component*) for the Level 3 Early Years Educator v1.2 standard is two weeks, provided the MCQ examination is scheduled and achieved within five days of successfully passing through gateway. Therefore, we recommend that for this average duration to be achieved, training providers should aim to have their apprentices accepted through gateway by no later than 17 July 2026.

## Considerations

The timeframe for end-point assessment completions is based on current registrations and predicted gateway information provided. Bulk registrations nearer to the gateway dates provided could affect the feasibility of end-point assessments being conducted within our average end-point assessment window.

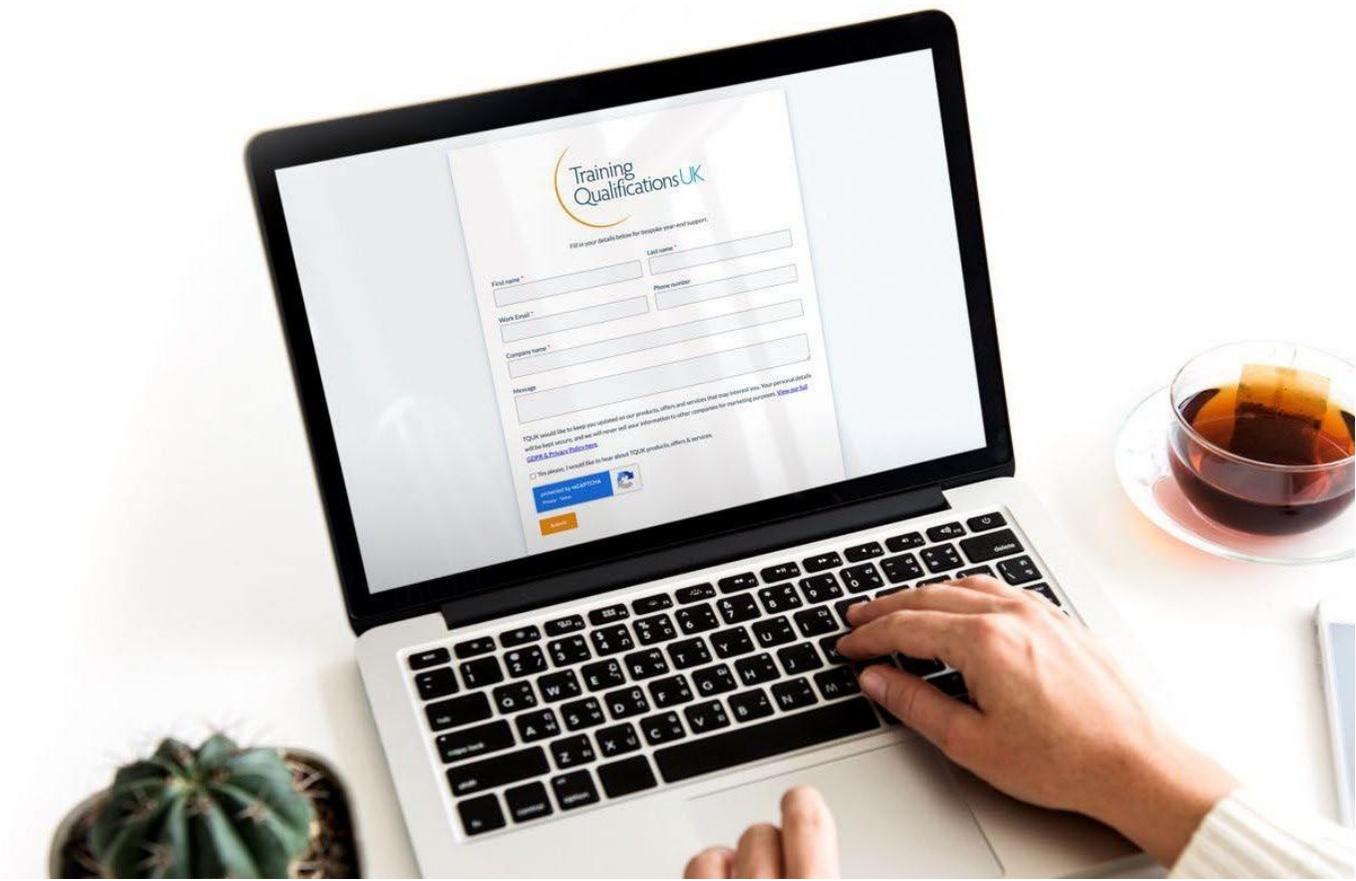
For TQUK to manage this process effectively, we request that pipeline data is reviewed for accuracy as soon as possible. Whilst we will endeavour to support all requests, we may not be able to guarantee July completion for submissions after the specified gateway date.

# Support

## Contact us

Do you have a cohort of apprentices that must be completed by the end of July? Would you rather seek support on a one-to-one basis?

No problem! Contact your Customer Relationship Manager directly or complete the form [here](#), and we'll be in touch.





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