Functional Skills Key Dates

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Timelines for New Paper Introductions and Result Releases

To ensure the integrity and consistency of our assessments, we regularly update our bank of live papers and retire our current set of papers for use as mock assessments. When we launch new papers, we conduct a standard setting and validation process called 'Awarding'. As we use actual learner responses and data to establish a pass threshold, we have to ensure we have sufficient responses and data to do this. Therefore, we temporarily extend our standard six-day result turnaround.

To assist you in organising assessments and planning results releases, we have provided a schedule for introducing new papers throughout the year. Every result from a newly introduced paper will have a predetermined release date, offering clarity on when to expect learner results. If a result isn't provided within six working days, it will be delivered by the designated date.

Timeframes

The below table shows the:

- date new assessment papers will be introduced
- awarding dates – within this time the 6-day results release will not apply as we build up the required data to set the pass mark
- results release from date – from this point all results will be available for those assessments sat between the awarding dates.

Any assessments sat from the last date in the "Awarding Dates" column will have the 6-day results release.

Delivery Mode	New Assessment Papers Introduced	Awarding Dates	Results Release From
Online*	08/01/2024	08/01/2024 – 04/02/2024	05/02/2024
	01/04/2024	01/04/2024 – 05/05/2024	06/05/2024
	05/08/2024	05/08/2024 – 08/09/2024	09/09/2024
	04/11/2024	04/11/2024 – 08/12/2024	09/12/2024
Paper based	01/02/2024	01/02/2024 – 10/03/2024	11/03/2024
	06/05/2024	06/05/2024 – 09/06/2024	10/06/2024
	29/07/2024	29/07/2024 – 01/09/2024	02/09/2024
	21/10/2024	21/10/2024 – 24/11/2024	25/11/2024

*For online assessments, this includes both centre invigilation and/or remote invigilation by TQUK.