

### 1. Introduction

This document sets out the dates and timings for RECAO Centres and Learners in 2026.

All examinations take place on the first Thursday of the month. Results are issued 6 weeks after the examination date on the Friday.

### 2. Examination Dates

<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b> (4 weeks before exam day)	<b>Results Date</b> (6 weeks after exam day)
5 February 2026	9 January 2026	20 March 2026
7 May 2026	10 April 2026	19 June 2026
6 August 2026	10 July 2026	18 September 2026
5 November 2025	9 October 2026	18 December 2026

### Level 4 & 5 Unit Exams & Resit Opportunities

	(2 weeks before exam day)	
5 March 2026	18 February 2026	17 April 2026
2 April 2026	18 March 2026	15 May 2026
4 June 2026	20 May 2026	17 July 2026
2 July 2026	17 June 2026	14 August 2026
3 September 2026	19 August 2026	16 October 2026
1 October 2026	16 September 2026	13 November 2026

### Certification

#### Paper Certificates

We aim to dispatch paper certificates to centres three weeks after the results date.  
November 2025 exam certificates will arrive with centres by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026  
November 2026 exam certificates will arrive with centres by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027

#### E-Certificates

When available, E-Certificates will be issued at the same time as the results notification

### Centre Forums

June 2026 Remote Meeting

December 2026 Hybrid Meeting (TBC)

### Centre Self-Assessment

Opens February 2026

Closes March 2026

### 3. Planned changes for 2025

Following delays in the implementation of the new assessment platform, we are now planning to introduce an on-demand model for some of our examinations in mid-2026.

On-demand will initially be trialled with a small number of centres before being made available to all centres.