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## Reformed Functional Skills English and Mathematics Levels 1 and 2 Paper-based Assessment Calendar 2026

Paper-based assessments are available to book on demand with a 10 working days' notice period. Maths or English can be sat on any day, as long as there has been 10 working days notification of the assessment.

January 2026

Exam Window:  $3^{rd} - 30^{th}$  January

**Awarding Window:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February

Result release: on or before 17<sup>th</sup> February

April/ May 2026

**Exam Window:**  $25^{th}$  April  $-22^{nd}$  May

**Awarding Window:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June

Result release: on or before 9<sup>th</sup> June February 2026

**Exam Window:** 31st January – 27th February

Awarding Window: 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March

Result release: on or before 17<sup>th</sup> March

May/ June 2026

**Exam Window:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> June

Awarding Window: 29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Result release: on or before 7<sup>th</sup> July **March 2026** 

**Exam Window:** 28<sup>th</sup> February– 27<sup>th</sup> March

Awarding Window: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April

Result release: on or before 14<sup>th</sup> April

June/ July 2026

**Exam Window:** 20<sup>th</sup> June – 17<sup>th</sup> July

Awarding Window: 27<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July

Result release: on or before 4<sup>th</sup> August **April 2026** 

**Exam Window:** 28<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> April

Awarding Window: 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Mav

Result release: on or before 12<sup>th</sup> May

July/ August 2026

**Exam Window:** 18<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Awarding Window: 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August

Result release: on or before 1st September **August/ September 2026** 

**Exam Window:** 

15<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Awarding Window:** 

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September

Result release:

on or before 29th September

September/ October 2026

**Exam Window:** 

12<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Awarding Window:** 

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Result release:

on or before 27th October

October/ November 2026

**Exam Window:** 

10<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Awarding Window:** 

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November

Result release:

on or before 24th November

November/December 2026

**Exam Window:** 

7<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Awarding Window:** 

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December

Result release:

on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> December

December 2026

**Exam Window:** 

5<sup>th</sup> December 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

**Awarding Window:** 

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Result release:

on or before 19th January 2027

Providers **must** return **all** assessments (this includes unused papers) to Open Awards on the day, or at the very latest the day after an assessment has taken place for security reasons. Failure to comply may result in a delay to the result release and could result in a sanction and the refusal to process any further paper-based assessments.

If the assessment is sat in the last 2 days of the Exam Window, please make sure to return first class (recorded delivery) on the day of assessment. This will allow us time to upload the assessment to the system for marking.

There is an additional charge **per learner**, **per assessment paper** for all Functional Skills paper-based assessments. This is in addition to the registration fee. The fee will be applied upon the scheduling of the paper-based assessment and is non-refundable. Please see our <u>website</u> for current pricing information.

Please note, the dates specified will be the latest date the results will be released. Results release dates will be reviewed once the awarding process is complete for all available assessment versions.