

Open Awards Level 3 End-point Assessment for ST0300 Pharmacy Technician (Integrated) Final Awards Board – Calendar 2026

From 1st February 2022, there is no additional assessment burden for learners completing their Pharmacy Technician training via an apprenticeship route. The End-point Assessment (EPA) consists of a Final Awards Board (FAB) held post-gateway. Learners will **NOT** be able to achieve the integrated qualification - Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Principles and Practices for Pharmacy Technicians (RQF) (Integrated Apprenticeship) - without completing the gateway requirements and having their achievement confirmed by a panel at a FAB.

The Final Awards Board will review the following:

- Evidence of achievement of the mandatory units from the integrated qualification - Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Principles and Practices for Pharmacy Technicians (RQF) (Integrated Apprenticeship)
Please note ALL internal and external quality assurance activities MUST have been completed, AND achievement confirmed by Open Awards, prior to gateway.
- Acceptable evidence confirming the learner holds Level 2 maths and English qualifications
- Evidence the requirement of a minimum 24-months valid work experience has or will be completed prior to qualification and EPA achievement
- Evidence of any approved reasonable adjustments (RA); special considerations (SC); or recognition of prior learning (RPL)
- Details of any incidents or investigations into academic malpractice
- Evidence of other required gateway checks.

There is a Final Awards Board (FAB) every month. This calendar identifies the meeting dates for 2026, along with associated results release dates and the last dates for gateway submission. Please note, all required evidence must be fully completed and uploaded via the Secure Portal by the gateway submission date in order to guarantee the apprentice will be presented to the next scheduled FAB meeting. Any gaps in required evidence may result in the apprentice being deferred to a subsequent FAB meeting for consideration.

Following results release, Open Awards will issue both the integrated qualification certificate and a transcript confirming completion of the End-point Assessment. Open Awards will then claim the apprenticeship certificate from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) and confirm the results with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC); the latter is confirmed at the start of each subsequent calendar month.

January 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 23rd January

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 16th January

Result release:
on or before 31st January

FEBRUARY 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 20th February

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 13th February

Result release:
on or before 28th February

MARCH 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 27th March

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 20th March

Result release:
on or before 31st March

APRIL 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 24th April

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 17th April

Result release:
on or before 30th April

MAY 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 22nd May

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 15th May

Result release:
on or before 30th May

JUNE 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 26th June

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 19th June

Result release:
on or before 30th June

JULY 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 24th July

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 17th July

Result release:
on or before 31st July

AUGUST 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 21st August

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 14th August

Result release:
on or before 31st August

SEPTEMBER 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 25th September

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 18th September

Result release:
on or before 30th September

OCTOBER 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 23rd October

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 16th October

Result release:
on or before 31st October

NOVEMBER 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 20th November

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 13th November

Result release:
on or before 30th November

DECEMBER 2026

FAB Date:

Friday 18th December

**Gateway submission
deadline:**

Friday 11th December

Result release:
on or before 23rd December