

External Assessment Timetable

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Following government guidelines, NCFE and CACHE external assessments after 20 March 2020 have been cancelled or rescheduled until further notice. We're working with Ofqual, JCQ and other Awarding Organisations to put a plan in place for each of our qualifications and will communicate with centres as soon as possible. For more information please visit our dedicated Coronavirus page on our website.

Guidance information

All Key Stage 4 and 5 qualifications covered by this timetable are subject to Department for Education technical guidance. Please refer to the [Performance Tables Quick Guide](#) for further information.

Essential resource information and assessment conditions can be found in the [OSID](#).

Centre responsibilities

The external assessments must be completed in line with our Regulations for the Conduct of External Assessment. Centres must ensure that all staff involved in the external assessment have read and understood the regulations.

Booking your learners for an external assessment

Some qualifications will require you to make the booking upon registration, for all others this is managed as a separate process and it is the centre's responsibility to ensure learners are booked onto the appropriate assessment window/date. Bookings, including re-sits, must be made via the 'Manage Bookings' screen in the NCFE Portal. Please refer to the [Portal Handbook](#) for further guidance.

Booking cut-off

All learners must be booked via the NCFE Portal by the advertised booking cut-off date in this document. Any late bookings will be subject to an additional late booking fee as detailed in our fees and pricing document for NCFE or CACHE.

Reasonable adjustments

If learners require reasonable adjustments these must be submitted in line with the published timescales in our guidance and policy document. Failure to do so may mean your learner/s will not have approval in place for the assessment.

Assessment date

Set date/time: The learners must sit the external assessment at these dates/times in line with our Regulations for the Conduct of External assessment. You will need to complete the assessment variation form if the assessment date/time clashes with another external assessment/examination.

For assessments with published starting times, centres are enabled to start assessments by up to 30 minutes earlier than, or later than, the published starting time without the requirement to submit an assessment variation request for approval. If the amendment to time is greater than 30 minutes/prior approval must be agreed.

Assessment window

At the beginning of delivering the qualification, you must plan all supervised and/or invigilated sessions within the published assessment window. Assessment timetables may be checked by External Quality Assurers during any centre quality assurance visit.

Pre-release / stimulus materials

For any external assessments where pre-release/stimulus assessment materials are required, these will be provided a minimum of 5 working days prior to the date of the external assessment/start of the assessment window. Please refer to the QSID for further information.

Return of external assessments

Partially or fully completed learner work, and the External assessment Register(s)/Submission List, must be returned to NCFE by special delivery/secure courier within 1 working day of the external assessment taking place or the final timetabled supervised/invigilated session.

Late return fees will apply to any completed external assessment material that is not received 48 hours after the external assessment.

For the Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Art and Design, and Level 3 Applied General in Art and Design, learner work must be retained securely at the centre in preparation for the Examiner Visit.

Results release

The external assessment results will be released on the date highlighted for each assessment opportunity, specific to the qualification. You will be notified if any results are placed on hold and the reason why. Results can be viewed in the NCFE Portal.

Enquiries about results

Please refer to our policy for details of deadlines and what you need to fill in.

Key Stage 4 Technical Awards - Synoptic project deadlines

The live synoptic project (including password for access) will be made available to centres for the 2019/2020 session on 16 December 2019 after bookings have been made via the Portal. Booking cut-off dates for the 2019/2020 session will be midnight on 22 May 2020.

For the 2019/2020 session, grades for first submission must be submitted by the 31 March 2020* in order to ensure adequate time for an external quality assurance visit if a resubmission is required. If learners are accessing the second submission their grades must be submitted by 31 May 2020* in order to ensure there is adequate time for external quality assurance visit to take place and so that certificates can be claimed for performance points.

*Please note: these dates may be subject to change therefore please check regularly.

Contingency planning

Our External Assessment Contingency Planning publication offers guidance on what a centre should do in any unforeseen circumstances meaning an external assessment cannot go ahead on the published date and time. It also provides guidance on how centres can plan for and deal with severe disruptions and/or emergencies.

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Art and Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2964/6	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Art & Design	04/11/2019	18/11/2019 9.00am	27/01/2020
			24/02/2020	09/03/2020 9.00am	18/05/2020
			02/11/2020	16/11/2020 9.00am	25/01/2021
			22/02/2021	08/03/2021 9.00am	17/05/2021

Art and Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (30 hours)	*Examiner visit by	External assessment results released
2	600/6905/3	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Art and Design**	21/01/2019	04/02/2019 – 26/04/2019	11/05/2019	21/06/2019
			27/08/2019	10/09/2019 – 02/12/2019	13/12/2019	17/01/2020
			11/02/2020	25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020	29/05/2020	03/07/2020
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (18 hours)	*Examiner visit by	External assessment results released
3	601/8898/4	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design*	18/04/2019	07/05/2019 – 21/06/2019	19/07/2019	19/08/2019
			27/12/2019	13/01/2020 - 21/02/2020	20/03/2020	24/04/2020
			21/04/2020	05/05/2020 – 15/06/2020	13/07/2020	14/08/2020
			23/12/2020	11/01/2021 - 19/02/2021	19/03/2021	23/04/2021
			19/04/2021	04/05/2021 - 14/06/2021	12/07/2021	13/08/2021

* **Examiner visit by:** this qualification requires a visit by an NCFE Examiner to grade your learners' work. Your allocated examiner will contact your Exams Officer to arrange an appropriate date and time. The Examiner visit must take place after the external assessment has been completed (your last planned session) and on or before the Examiner visit by date.

** This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 25/02/2020 - 18/05/2020.

† These qualifications only require the External Assessment Register to be returned to NCFE after the last planned assessment session within the assessment window.

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Business and Enterprise

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2955/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise	15/11/2019	29/11/2019 9.00am	07/02/2020
			06/03/2020	20/03/2020 9.00am	29/05/2020
			13/11/2020	27/11/2020 9.00am	05/02/2021
			05/03/2021	19/03/2021 9.00am	28/05/2021
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
1	603/0835/7	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise*	18/06/2019	02/07/2019 9.00am	20/08/2019
2	603/0838/2	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise*	18/06/2020	02/07/2020 9.00am	21/08/2020

Shared external assessment

* These qualifications are now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 02/07/2020.

Business and Enterprise

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Task 1 assessment date and time (1 hour)	Remaining tasks assessment window (4 hours)	External assessment results released
2	601/0048/5	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Business and Enterprise*	23/09/2019	07/10/2019 9.00am	07/10/2019 - 18/10/2019	06/12/2019
			18/02/2020	03/03/2020 9.00am	03/03/2020 - 16/03/2020	01/05/2020
			21/09/2020	05/10/2020 9.00am	05/10/2020 - 16/10/2020	04/12/2020
			16/02/2021	02/03/2021 9.00am	02/03/2021 - 15/03/2021	30/04/2021
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released	
3	601/8908/3	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business and Enterprise	17/06/2019	01/07/2019 9.00am	19/08/2019	
			11/03/2020	25/03/2020 9.00am	21/05/2020	
			17/06/2020	01/07/2020 9.00am	20/08/2020	
			10/03/2021	24/03/2021 9.00am	20/05/2021	
			16/06/2021	30/06/2021 9.00am	19/08/2021	

* This qualification will be withdrawn for new registrations on 18/02/2020. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 02/03/2021 - 15/03/2021.

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Children and Young People - Level 2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour and 30 mins)	External assessment results released
603/3293/1	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care	TACDC	29/04/2019	14/05/2019 9.30am	17/07/2019
			17/09/2019	01/10/2019 9.30am	03/12/2019
			29/04/2020	14/05/2020 1.00pm	17/07/2020
			17/09/2020	01/10/2020 9.00am	03/12/2020
			29/04/2021	14/05/2021 9.00am	19/07/2021

Children and Young People - Level 2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour and 30 mins)	External assessment results released
603/1653/6	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings*	WCEYPS/SAE	02/05/2019	17/05/2019 9.30am	22/07/2019
			09/01/2020	23/01/2020 9.30am	26/03/2020
			30/04/2020	15/05/2020 9.30am	20/07/2020
603/3292/X	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings	WCEYPSTC/SAE	02/05/2019	17/05/2019 9.30am	22/07/2019
			09/01/2020	23/01/2020 9.30am	26/03/2020
			30/04/2020	15/05/2020 9.30am	20/07/2020
			11/01/2021	25/01/2021 9.00am	29/03/2021
			29/04/2021	14/05/2021 9.00am	19/07/2021

* This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 15/05/2020.

Children and Young People - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 15 mins)	External assessment results released
601/4574/2	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Child Care and Education (Wales)	CCE3/CSAP	02/05/2019	17/05/2019 9.30am	23/07/2019
			23/01/2020	06/02/2020 9.30am	09/04/2020
			04/05/2020	19/05/2020 9.30am	22/07/2020
			25/01/2021	08/02/2021 9.00am	14/04/2021
			05/05/2021	19/05/2021 9.00am	15/07/2021

Children and Young People - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
600/7093/6	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)	CCLD T1 - T7	10/05/2019	24/05/2019	02/07/2019
			10/06/2019	24/06/2019	31/07/2019
			10/09/2019	24/09/2019	26/11/2019
			12/11/2019	26/11/2019	08/01/2020
			14/01/2020	28/01/2020	31/03/2020
			11/03/2020	25/03/2020	02/06/2020
			11/05/2020	26/05/2020	02/07/2020
			10/06/2020	24/06/2020	31/07/2020
			09/09/2020	23/09/2020	18/11/2020
			12/11/2020	26/11/2020	26/01/2021
			14/01/2021	28/01/2021	01/04/2021
			11/03/2021	25/03/2021	03/06/2021
			12/05/2021	26/05/2021	20/07/2021
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Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour and 45 mins)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested – The Certificate requires both the AGAEYCE and AGCEYCE					
603/2987/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education	AGAEYCE	23/05/2019	06/06/2019 9.30am	08/08/2019
			25/02/2020	10/03/2020 9.30am	15/05/2020
			21/05/2020	05/06/2020 9.30am	07/08/2020
			22/02/2021	08/03/2021 9.00am	13/05/2021
			19/05/2021	03/06/2021 9.00am	05/08/2021
Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (8 hours)	External assessment results released
603/2988/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education	AGCEYCE	27/12/2019	13/01/2020 - 29/01/2020	01/04/2020
			09/04/2020	27/04/2020 - 14/05/2020	20/07/2020
			29/12/2021	13/01/2021 - 29/01/2021	29/03/2021
			13/04/2021	27/04/2021 - 13/05/2021	19/07/2021

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Craft

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (30 hours)	External assessment results released
2	601/0043/6	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Craft*	21/01/2019	04/02/2019 – 26/04/2019	21/06/2019
			27/08/2019	10/09/2019 – 02/12/2019	17/01/2020
			11/02/2020	25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020	03/07/2020

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Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
601/3955/9	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care	EYE/SAE	26/04/2019	13/05/2019 9.30am	17/07/2019
			21/01/2020	04/02/2020 9.30am	07/04/2020
			27/04/2020	12/05/2020 9.30am	15/07/2020
			21/01/2021	04/02/2021 9.00am	12/04/2021
			27/04/2021	12/05/2021 9.00am	15/07/2021

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested – the Diploma requires both EYE/EPS and EYE/EA					
601/3999/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education	EYE/EPS1 EYE/EPS2	25/03/2019	08/04/2019	13/06/2019
			11/09/2019	25/09/2019	27/11/2019
			24/12/2019	10/01/2020	13/03/2020
			20/03/2020	03/04/2020	11/06/2020
			11/09/2020	25/09/2020	27/11/2020
			23/12/2020	11/01/2021	15/03/2021
			19/03/2021	06/04/2021	10/06/2021
601/4000/8	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)	EYE/EA1 EYE/EA2	02/05/2019	17/05/2019	22/07/2019
			06/09/2019	20/09/2019	22/11/2019
			06/01/2020	20/01/2020	23/03/2020
			01/05/2020	18/05/2020	21/07/2020
			07/09/2020	21/09/2020	23/11/2020
			06/01/2021	20/01/2021	24/03/2021
			04/05/2021	18/05/2021	21/07/2021

Early Years Educator - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released		
601/2147/6	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (EYE)	EYE/EE1 EYE/EE2	25/04/2019	10/05/2019	15/07/2019		
			20/09/2019	04/10/2019	06/12/2019		
			08/01/2020	22/01/2020	25/03/2020		
			27/04/2020	12/05/2020	15/07/2020		
			21/09/2020	05/10/2020	07/12/2020		
			08/01/2021	22/01/2021	26/03/2021		
			27/04/2021	12/05/2021	15/07/2021		
		EYE/RS1 EYE/RS2	18/04/2019	07/05/2019	10/07/2019		
			10/09/2019	24/09/2019	26/11/2019		
			31/12/2019	15/01/2020	18/03/2020		
			23/04/2020	07/05/2020	10/07/2020		
			10/09/2020	24/09/2020	26/11/2020		
			31/12/2020	15/01/2021	19/03/2021		
		EYE/SAE	26/04/2019	13/05/2019 9.30am	17/07/2019		
			21/01/2020	04/02/2020 9.30am	07/04/2020		
			27/04/2020	12/05/2020 9.30am	15/07/2020		
			21/01/2021	04/02/2021 9.00am	12/04/2021		
			27/04/2021	12/05/2021 9.00am	15/07/2021		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released

Early Years Educator - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (20 hours)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested – the Diploma requires both CCE1 and DCE2					
601/8436/X	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education	CCE1	12/04/2019	30/04/2019 - 17/05/2019	22/07/2019
			08/01/2020	22/01/2020 - 07/02/2020	14/04/2020
			17/04/2020	04/05/2020 - 21/05/2020	27/07/2020
			08/01/2021	22/01/2021 - 09/02/2021	15/04/2021
			20/04/2021	05/05/2021 - 21/05/2021	26/07/2021
601/8437/1	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)	DCE2	30/04/2019	15/05/2019 - 31/05/2019	22/07/2019
			27/01/2020	10/02/2020 - 26/02/2020	27/04/2020
			30/04/2020	15/05/2020 - 03/06/2020	22/07/2020
			27/01/2021	10/02/2021 - 26/02/2021	05/05/2021
			17/05/2021	01/06/2021 - 24/06/2021	12/08/2021

Early Years Educator - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (20 hours)	External assessment results released		
601/8438/3	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator)	DEYEC1	12/04/2019	30/04/2019 – 17/05/2019	22/07/2019		
			09/01/2020	23/01/2020 - 10/02/2020	06/04/2020		
			14/04/2020	28/04/2020 – 15/05/2020	20/07/2020		
			08/01/2021	22/01/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/04/2021		
			14/04/2021	28/04/2021 - 14/05/2021	19/07/2021		
		DEYEC2	29/04/2019	14/05/2019 – 30/05/2019	01/08/2019		
			24/01/2020	07/02/2020 - 24/02/2020	21/04/2020		
			24/04/2020	11/05/2020 - 27/05/2020	29/07/2020		
			25/01/2021	08/02/2021 - 24/02/2021	22/04/2021		
			26/04/2021	11/05/2021 - 27/05/2021	30/07/2021		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
		EYE/SAE	26/04/2019	13/05/2019 9.30am	17/07/2019		
			21/01/2020	04/02/2020 9.30am	07/04/2020		
			27/04/2020	12/05/2020 9.30am	15/07/2020		
			21/01/2021	04/02/2021 9.00am	12/04/2021		
27/04/2021	12/05/2021 9.00am		15/07/2021				

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Engineering

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2963/4	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering	14/11/2019	28/11/2019 9.00am	06/02/2020
			05/03/2020	19/03/2020 9.00am	28/05/2020
			12/11/2020	26/11/2020 9.00am	04/02/2021
			04/03/2021	18/03/2021 9.00am	27/05/2021

Engineering

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time Task 1 (30 mins)	Assessment date and time Task 2 (2 hours)	External assessment results released
1	601/4592/4	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Studies*	23/09/2019	07/10/2019 9.00am	07/10/2019 10.00am	06/12/2019
			06/01/2020	20/01/2020 9.00am	20/01/2020 10.00am	20/03/2020
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time Task 1 (45 min)	Assessment window Task 2 & 3 (2 hours each)	External assessment results released
2	601/4532/8	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Studies**	23/09/2019	07/10/2019 1.00pm	07/10/2019 – 18/10/2019	06/12/2019
			06/01/2020	20/01/2020 1.00pm	20/01/2020 – 31/01/2020	20/03/2020

* This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 20/01/2020.

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English

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window	External assessment results released
1	603/5058/1	Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English*	30/09/2019	14/10/2019 - 18/10/2019	22/11/2019
			25/11/2019	09/12/2019 - 13/12/2019	31/01/2020
			10/02/2020	24/02/2020 - 28/02/2020	31/03/2020
2	603/5054/4	Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English*	13/04/2020	27/04/2020 - 01/05/2020	05/06/2020
			08/06/2020	22/06/2020 - 26/06/2020	31/07/2020

* Consists of two external assessments - Reading (1 hour duration) and Writing (1 hour duration).

Learners can complete the Reading and Writing external assessments either in the same or in different assessment windows. There is no requirement to complete both components in the same assessment window.

Please note:

- These assessment windows are for our paper based Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills English assessments only. Online assessments are available on-demand with staggered results release dates. Please log in to our online assessment platform (<https://ncfe.surpass.com>) for more information.
- When booking an assessment in the NCFE Portal, centres must confirm the date and time within the assessment window that the assessment will take place.
- For Functional Skills paper based assessments when booking learners to an assessment window, each centre must determine a single set date and time per component and subject level.

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Food and Cookery

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (50 minutes)	External assessment results released
1	601/4661/8	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery*	27/09/2019	11/10/2019 1.00pm	29/11/2019
			10/01/2020	24/01/2020 1.00pm	13/03/2020
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
2	601/4533/X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery*	27/09/2019	11/10/2019 9.00am	29/11/2019
			10/01/2020	24/01/2020 9.00am	13/03/2020

* This qualification is now withdrawn for new registrations. The final opportunity for learners to complete the external assessment will be 24/01/2020.

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Graphic Design

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (10 hours)	External assessment results released
1	603/0844/8	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Graphic Design	Shared external assessment	17/05/2019	03/06/2019 – 28/06/2019	16/08/2019
				27/01/2020	10/02/2020 - 06/03/2020	07/05/2020
				15/05/2020	01/06/2020 – 26/06/2020	14/08/2020
2	603/0845/X	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Graphic Design		25/01/2021	08/02/2021 – 05/03/2021	06/05/2021
17/05/2021				01/06/2021 – 28/06/2021	13/08/2021	
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (30 hours)	External assessment results released
2	600/6907/7	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Graphic Design*		21/01/2019	04/02/2019 – 26/04/2019	21/06/2019
				27/08/2019	10/09/2019 – 02/12/2019	17/01/2020
				11/02/2020	25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020	03/07/2020

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Health and Fitness

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2650/5	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness	06/11/2019	20/11/2019 9.00am	29/01/2020
			26/02/2020	11/03/2020 9.00am	20/05/2020
			04/11/2020	18/11/2020 9.00am	27/01/2021
			24/02/2021	10/03/2021 9.00am	19/05/2021

Health and Fitness

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1	601/4662/X	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Health and Fitness*	25/10/2019	08/11/2019 1.00pm	10/01/2020
			14/02/2020	28/02/2020 1.00pm	17/04/2020
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date (2 hours)	External assessment results released
2	601/4534/1	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness*	25/10/2019	08/11/2019 9.00am	10/01/2020
			14/02/2020	28/02/2020 9.00am	17/04/2020

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Health and Social Care - Level 2

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
603/1909/4	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Health and Social Care*	AHSC/SAE	01/05/2019	16/05/2019 9.30am	22/07/2019
			22/01/2020	05/02/2020 9.30am	08/04/2020
			30/04/2020	15/05/2020 9.30am	21/07/2020
Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
603/3294/3	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care	TAHSC/SAE	01/05/2019	16/05/2019 9.30am	22/07/2019
			22/01/2020	05/02/2020 9.30am	08/04/2020
			30/04/2020	15/05/2020 9.30am	21/07/2020
			21/01/2021	04/02/2021 9.00am	07/04/2021
			29/04/2021	14/05/2021 9.00am	20/07/2021

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Health and Social Care - Level 3

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Submission date	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested. HSC/CEA is required for the Extended Diploma					
601/6109/7	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	HSC/CEA1 HSC/CEA2	24/04/2019	09/05/2019	12/07/2019
			09/09/2019	23/09/2019	25/11/2019
			23/12/2019	09/01/2020	12/03/2020
			24/04/2020	11/05/2020	14/07/2020
			08/09/2020	22/09/2020	23/11/2020
			21/12/2020	07/01/2021	11/03/2021
			23/04/2021	10/05/2021	13/07/2021
601/6110/3	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSC/EDEA1 HSC/EDEA2	01/05/2019	16/05/2019	19/07/2019
			25/09/2019	09/10/2019	11/12/2019
			06/01/2020	20/01/2020	23/03/2020
			01/05/2020	18/05/2020	21/07/2020
			23/09/2020	07/10/2020	09/12/2020
			04/01/2021	18/01/2021	22/03/2021
			30/04/2021	17/05/2021	20/07/2021

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Technical Qualifications

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (20 hours)	External assessment results released		
The below qualifications are nested HSC1 is required for the Extended Diploma							
601/8434/6	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care	HSC1	12/04/2019	30/04/2019 - 17/05/2019	22/07/2019		
			09/01/2020	23/01/2020 - 10/02/2020	06/04/2020		
			14/04/2020	28/04/2020 - 15/05/2020	20/07/2020		
			07/01/2021	21/01/2021 - 08/02/2021	06/04/2021		
			13/04/2021	27/04/2021 - 14/05/2021	19/07/2021		
601/8435/8	NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care	HSED2	29/04/2019	14/05/2019 - 30/05/2019	01/08/2019		
			24/01/2020	07/02/2020 - 24/02/2020	21/04/2020		
			24/04/2020	11/05/2020 - 27/05/2020	29/07/2020		
			22/01/2021	05/02/2021 - 22/02/2021	20/04/2021		
			23/04/2021	10/05/2021 - 26/05/2021	28/07/2021		
				Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
				HSC/SAE	26/04/2019	13/05/2019 9.30am	17/07/2019
					14/01/2020	28/01/2020 9.30am	31/03/2020
					28/04/2020	13/05/2020 1.00pm	16/07/2020
					13/01/2021	27/01/2021 9.00am	30/03/2021
		27/04/2021	12/05/2021 9.00am		15/07/2021		

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Applied General suite

Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour and 45 mins)	External assessment results released
The below qualifications are nested – the Certificate requires both AGAHSC and AGCHSC					
603/2913/0	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award in Health and Social Care	AGAHSC	22/05/2019	06/06/2019 9.30am	08/08/2019
			26/02/2020	11/03/2020 9.30am	15/05/2020
			20/05/2020	04/06/2020 9.30am	07/08/2020
			23/02/2021	09/03/2021 9.00am	14/05/2021
			20/05/2021	04/06/2021 9.00am	06/08/2021
Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment code	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (8 hours)	External assessment results released
603/2914/2	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care	AGCHSC	27/12/2019	13/01/2020 - 29/01/2020	01/04/2020
			09/04/2020	27/04/2020 - 14/05/2020	20/07/2020
			23/12/2020	11/01/2021 - 27/01/2021	31/03/2021
			12/04/2021	26/04/2021 - 13/05/2021	19/07/2021

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Interactive Media

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (15 hours)	External assessment results released
1	603/0851/5	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Interactive Media	Shared external assessment	26/04/2019	13/05/2019 – 21/06/2019	16/08/2019
				06/01/2020	20/01/2020 - 28/02/2020	20/04/2020
24/04/2020	11/05/2020 – 19/06/2020	14/08/2020				
2	603/0852/7	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Interactive Media		23/12/2020	11/01/2021 - 19/02/2021	20/04/2021
23/04/2021				10/05/2021 - 18/06/2021	13/08/2021	
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (30 hours)	External assessment results released
2	600/6906/5	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Interactive Media*	21/01/2019	04/02/2019 – 26/04/2019	21/06/2019	
			27/08/2019	10/09/2019 – 02/12/2019	17/01/2020	
			11/02/2020	25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020	03/07/2020	

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Mathematics

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window	External assessment results released
1	603/5055/6	Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics*	30/09/2019	14/10/2019 - 18/10/2019	22/11/2019
			25/11/2019	09/12/2019 - 13/12/2019	31/01/2020
			10/02/2020	24/02/2020 - 28/02/2020	31/03/2020
2	603/5060/X	Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics*	13/04/2020	27/04/2020 - 01/05/2020	05/06/2020
			08/06/2020	22/06/2020 - 26/06/2020	31/07/2020

* The external assessment for this qualification is split into two sections; Section A Non-Calculator (30 minutes duration) and Section B - Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes duration).

Learners must complete both sections of the assessment within the same sitting and within the same assessment window.

Please note:

- *These assessment windows are for our paper based Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills Mathematics assessments only. Online assessments are available on-demand with staggered results release dates. Please log in to our online assessment platform (<https://ncfe.surpass.com>) for more information.*
- *When booking an assessment in the NCFE Portal, centres must confirm the date and time within the assessment window that the assessment will take place.*
- *For Functional Skills paper based assessments when booking learners to an assessment window, each centre must determine a single set date and time per component and subject level.*

Mathematics

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time	External assessment results released
3	603/3437/X	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Everyday Life	28/04/2020	Paper 1 13/05/2020 9.30am (1 hour 30 mins)	12/08/2020
				Paper 2*+ 20/05/2020 9.30am (2 hours)	

The assessment for the Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Everyday Life consists of 2 mandatory external assessment papers. Each learner is required to undertake both external assessments in the same series. Learners must achieve enough marks from both external assessment papers to achieve the Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Everyday Life.

Paper 1 is a written external assessment paper.

Paper 2* is a written external assessment paper with pre-release material and will be contextualised to the following vocations and areas of interest:

- business and administration or
- engineering and manufacturing or
- health and science.

The mathematics covered in all vocations/areas of interest will be the same; it is only the contextualisation that will differ.

*Centres will enter learners for one of these vocations/areas of interest when they book their learners for the external assessment.

+Pre-release material for Paper 2 will be available from Monday 16th December within the 'Assessment Materials' section of the qualification page [here](#).

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Music Technology

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title		Assessment Component	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (2 hours Practical, 2 hours Written)	External assessment results released
1	601/6777/4	NCFE Level 1 Technical Award in Music Technology	Shared external assessment	Practical	03/06/2019	17/06/2019 – 21/06/2019	09/08/2019
					24/02/2020	09/03/2020 - 13/03/2020	07/05/2020
					01/06/2020	15/06/2020 - 19/06/2020	07/08/2020
					22/02/2021	08/03/2021 - 12/03/2021	07/05/2021
					28/05/2021	14/06/2021 - 18/06/2021	06/08/2021
2	601/6774/9	NCFE Level 2 Technical Award in Music Technology		Written	03/06/2019	17/06/2019 – 21/06/2019	09/08/2019
					24/02/2020	09/03/2020 - 13/03/2020	07/05/2020
					01/06/2020	15/06/2020 – 19/06/2020	07/08/2020
					22/02/2021	08/03/2021 - 12/03/2021	07/05/2021
					28/05/2021	14/06/2021 - 18/06/2021	06/08/2021

Music Technology

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Assessment Component	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (10 hours)	External assessment results released			
3	601/6779/8	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology	Practical	18/04/2019	07/05/2019 – 12/06/2019	02/08/2019			
				14/01/2020	28/01/2020 - 27/02/2020	21/04/2020			
				23/04/2020	07/05/2020 – 12/06/2020	03/08/2020			
				13/01/2021	27/01/2021 - 26/02/2021	16/04/2021			
				21/04/2021	06/05/2021 - 11/06/2021	02/08/2021			
						Assessment Component	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (2 hours)	External assessment results released
			Written	29/05/2019	12/06/2019 9.30am	02/08/2019			
				28/02/2020	13/03/2020 9.00am	15/05/2020			
				29/05/2020	12/06/2020 9.00am	03/08/2020			
				26/02/2021	12/03/2021 9.00am	14/05/2021			
27/05/2021	11/06/2021 9.00am	02/08/2021							

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Performance Skills

Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment date and time (1 hour 30 mins)	External assessment results released
1/2	603/2960/9	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performance Skills	06/03/2019	20/03/2019 9.00am	29/05/2019
			13/11/2019	27/11/2019 9.00am	05/02/2020
			04/03/2020	18/03/2020 9.00am	27/05/2020
			11/11/2020	25/11/2020 9.00am	03/02/2021
			03/03/2021	17/03/2021 9.00am	26/05/2021
Level	Qualification number (QN)	Title	Bookings cut-off date	Assessment window (30 hours)	External assessment results released
2	600/6990/9	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Performance Skills*	21/01/2019	04/02/2019 – 26/04/2019	21/06/2019
			27/08/2019	10/09/2019 – 02/12/2019	17/01/2020
			11/02/2020	25/02/2020 – 18/05/2020	03/07/2020

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FAQs

Where can I find information on the resources I need to provide for the external assessment?

Please check in our [QSID](#).

How do I know if there are pre-release materials/stimulus materials for the external assessment?

Please check in our [QSID](#).

How do I know what conditions the external assessment needs to be delivered under?

Please check in our [QSID](#). External assessments must be administered in line with our [Regulations for the Conduct of External Assessment](#).

How do I book my learners for the external assessment?

This will be managed through our Portal. Please refer to the [Portal Handbook](#) for further guidance.

What do I do if I've missed the booking cut-off date?

We accept late bookings after the cut-off date has passed through until midnight the day before the assessment/start of the assessment window*. Late bookings must be made through our Portal and are subject to late booking fees as detailed in or fees and pricing documents for NCFE or CACHE.

* with the exception of our Functional Skills English and Mathematics qualifications in which we accept fast track bookings up until 5 working days before the start of a published assessment window.

What if my learners can't attend at the time you have specified?

For all Key Stage 4 & 5 qualifications centres are permitted to start assessments by up to 30 minutes earlier than, or later than, the published starting time without the requirement to submit an assessment variation request for approval. If the amendment to time is greater than 30 minutes, an assessment variation request must be submitted and prior approval must be agreed.

When will I receive confirmation of my learners' results?

Results will be released on the date highlighted for each assessment specific to the qualification. Results can be viewed in the NCFE Portal.

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