

**UK NEQAS for Trace Elements  
2026 – 2027 Distribution Deadlines  
Serum, blood and urine samples 2026.01 – 2026.24**

<b>Scheme Month</b>	<b>Specimen ID</b>	<b>Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Distribution Closes-Result Deadline</b>
APR2026	2026.01 - 2026.02	Week Beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
MAY2026	2026.03 – 2026.04		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
JUN2026	2026.05 – 2026.06		30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
JUL2026	2026.07 – 2026.08		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
AUG2026	2026.09 – 2026.10		31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026
SEPT2026	2026.11 – 2026.12		30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
OCT2026	2026.13 – 2026.14		Week Beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
NOV2026	2026.15 – 2026.16	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	
DEC2026	2026.17 – 2026.18	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	
JAN2027	2026.19 – 2026.20	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2027	
FEB2027	2026.21 – 2026.22	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	
MAR2027	2026.23 – 2026.24	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027	

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. UK NEQAS for Trace Elements distributes samples twice per scheme year, which runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. Samples should be received no later than 1 week before the start of each distribution, which start on 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> October.
3. Please contact the UK NEQAS for Trace Elements Office if samples have not arrived by then: email [rsc-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net](mailto:rsc-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net); telephone 01483 571122 ext 3611
4. Distributions will be closed on the first working day following the “Distribution Closes-Result Deadline” date shown above.
5. We aim to make INTERIM reports available within 5 working days of the distribution being closed.
6. Amendments to reports are possible up to one month after closure of the distribution.
7. The FINAL report is available alongside the interim report of the following distribution.