



**T Level Technical
Qualification in Animal Care
and Management**

2025-2026 Key dates schedule

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Provider Approval

| Provider Approval Windows (September 2024 starts) | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Qualification Approval Y1 | 27 February 2024 – 30 June 2024 |
| Provider Approval Y1 | 27 February 2024 – 30 June 2024 |
| Qualification Approval Y2 | 26 February 2025 – 28 June 2025 |
| Provider Approval Y2 | 26 February 2025 – 28 June 2025 |
| Qualification Approval Y3 | 24 February 2026 – 27 June 2026 |
| Provider Approval Y3 | 24 February 2026 – 27 June 2026 |
| Qualification Approval Y4 | 23 February 2027 – 26 June 2027 |
| Provider Approval Y4 | 23 February 2027 – 26 June 2027 |
| Qualification Approval Y5 | 22 February 2028 – 25 June 2028 |
| Provider Approval Y5 | 22 February 2028 – 25 June 2028 |

Assessments

| Assessment Number | Assessment Title | Assessment Type | Available |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| 8717- 030 | Core: Exam paper 1 | Core | Autumn Summer |
| 8717- 040 | Animal Management Core: Exam Paper 2 | Core | Autumn Summer |
| 8717- 041 | Animal Science Core: Exam paper 2 | Core | Autumn Summer |
| 8717- 042 | Animal Care and Management employer-set project | Core | Autumn Summer |
| 8717- 407 | Animal Management and Behaviour assignment | Occupational Specialism | Summer |
| 8717- 408 | Animal Management and Behaviour research project | Occupational Specialism | Summer |
| 8717- 409 | Animal Management and Science assignment | Occupational Specialism | Summer |
| 8717- 410 | Animal Management and Science research project | Occupational Specialism | Summer |
| 8717- 411 | Animal Management and Science - Science knowledge test | Occupational Specialism | Summer |

Enrolment September 2024

| Registrations (for students enrolling in September 2024) | |
|--|---|
| Standard student registration period | 1 September 2024 to 1 November 2024 |
| Late student registration period | 2 November 2024 to 23 December 2024 |
| Very late student registration period | 24 December 2024 to 31 July 2025 |
| Applications for reasonable adjustments | To be submitted at the point of entry to the assessment and so aligns with the entry deadlines given in this document |

Students must be registered to make an assessment entry (booking).

Summer Series 2025

Core Assessments

- Employer-Set Project
- Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2

| Core Assessments | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Summer 2025 assessment entry (booking) | | |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) Assessment | Standard assessment entry period | 2 January 2025 to 17 February 2025 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 18 February 2025 to 6 March 2025 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 7 March 2025 to 21 March 2025 |
| Core Exam Paper 1 and 2 | Standard assessment entry period | 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 1 April 2026 to 30 April 2026 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026 |

Employer-Set Project (ESP)

Summer 2025 assessment dates/windows

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| Employer-Set Project (ESP) materials release | 17 March 2025 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) delivery window | 24 March 2025 – 9 May 2025 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) evidence upload deadline | 9 May 2025 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Behaviour

Summer 2025 assessment dates

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|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 4 June 2025 13:00 - 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Behaviour Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 12 June 2025 09:30 – 11:30 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Science

Summer 2025 assessment dates

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|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 4 June 2025 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Science Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 12 June 2025 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Summer 2025 results

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|--|--|
| Restricted release of TQ component results data to centres | 20 August 2025 |
| Release of results from centres to students | 21 August 2025 |
| Access to scripts – support review of marking & teaching and learning | Within 10 working days of release of results to students |
| Deadline for ‘Review of Marking/Moderation’ (RoMM) requests | 25 September 2025 |
| Deadline for appeals submissions | 30 calendar days from the outcome of the review of marking |
| T Level certificates (where eligible) will be issued by the Department for Education | November 2025 |

Autumn Series 2025

Core Assessments

- Employer-Set Project
- Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2

Employer-Set Project and Core Exam Paper 1 and 2

Autumn 2025 assessment entry (booking)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Standard assessment entry period | 1 September 2025 – 30 September 2025 |
| Late assessment entry period | 1 October 2025– 15 October 2025 |
| Very late assessment entry period | 16 October 2025 – 26 October 2025 |

Employer-Set Project (ESP)

Autumn 2025 assessment dates/windows

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|---|--|
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) materials release | 27 October 2025 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) delivery window | 3 November 2025 – 28 November 2025 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) evidence upload deadline | 28 November 2025 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Behaviour

Autumn 2025 assessment dates

| | |
|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 26 November 2025 13:00 - 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Behaviour Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 4 December 2025 09:30 – 11:30 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Science

Autumn 2025 assessment dates

| | |
|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 26 November 2025 13:00 - 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Science Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 4 December 2025 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Autumn 2025 results

| | |
|---|--|
| Restricted release of TQ component results data to centres | 18 March 2026 |
| Release of results from centres to students | 19 March 2026 |
| Access to scripts – support review of marking & teaching and learning | Within 10 working days of release of results to students |
| Deadline for 'Review of Marking' (RoM) requests | 23 April 2026 |
| Deadline for appeals submissions | 30 calendar days from the outcome of the review of marking |

Enrolment September 2025

| Registrations (for students enrolling in September 2025) | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Standard student registration period | 1 September 2025 to 1 November 2025 |
| Late student registration period | 2 November 2025 to 23 December 2025 |
| Very late student registration period | 24 December 2025 to 31 July 2026 |

Summer Series 2026

Core Assessments

- Employer-Set Project
- Exam Paper 1 and Paper 2

Occupational Specialisms

| Core Assessments | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Summer 2026 assessment entry (booking) | | |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) Assessment | Standard assessment entry period | 2 January 2026 to 12 February 2026 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 13 February 2026 to 27 February 2026 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 28 February 2026 to 13 March 2026 |
| Core Exam Paper 1 and 2 | Standard assessment entry period | 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 1 April 2026 to 30 April 2026 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026 |

Occupational Specialism

Summer 2026 assessment entry (booking)

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Animal Management and Science Occupational Specialism | Standard assessment entry period | 1 September 2025 to 8 October 2025 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 9 October 2025 to 18 October 2025 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 19 October 2025 to 1 November 2025 |
| Animal Management and Behaviour Occupational Specialism | Standard assessment entry period | 1 September 2025 to 8 October 2025 |
| | Late assessment entry period | 9 October 2025 to 18 October 2025 |
| | Very late assessment entry period | 19 October 2025 to 1 November 2025 |

Employer-Set Project (ESP)

Summer 2025 assessment dates/windows

| | |
|---|--|
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) materials release | 16 March 2026 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) delivery window | 23 March 2026 – 15 May 2026 |
| Employer-Set Project (ESP) evidence upload deadline | 15 May 2026 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Behaviour

Summer 2026 assessment dates

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|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 3 June 2026* 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Behaviour Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 11 June 2026* 09:30-11.30 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

*Provisional until after General Qualification (GQ) exam dates confirmed

Core Examination Papers: Animal Management and Science

Summer 2026 assessment dates

| | |
|---|--|
| Common Core Exam Paper 1 | 3 June 2026* 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Animal Management and Science Core Pathway Exam Paper 2 | 11 June 2026* 13:00 – 15:00 |
| Special consideration requests deadline | Five working days after the exam/submission date |

*Provisional until after General Qualification (GQ) exam dates confirmed

Occupational Specialism

Summer 2026 assessment dates/windows

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|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Animal Management and Science Occupational Specialism | Occupational Specialism (OS) Research project and synoptic assignment material release* | 11 November 2025 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) delivery window* - Research project | 12 January 2026 – 13 March 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) Research Project evidence upload* | 13 March 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) delivery window* - Synoptic Assignment | 12 January 2026 – 15 May 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) Synoptic Assignment evidence upload* | 15 May 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) delivery window* - Science knowledge test | 20 May 2026 09:30 – 11:30 |
| Animal Management and Behaviour Occupational Specialism | Occupational Specialism (OS) Research project and synoptic assignment material release* | 11 November 2025 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) delivery window* - Research project | 12 January 2026 – 13 March 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) Research Project evidence upload* | 13 March 2026 |
| | Occupational Specialism (OS) delivery window* - Synoptic Assignment | 12 January 2026 – 15 May 2026 |

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| | Occupational Specialism (OS) Synoptic Assignment evidence upload* | 15 May 2026 |
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Summer 2026 assessment results

| | |
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| Deadline for appeals submissions | 30 calendar days from outcome of review of marking/markings |
| T Level certificates (where eligible) will be issued by the Department for Education | November 2026 |

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