

2016 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

New for 2016

- The new national curriculum will be assessed for the first time in May 2016.
- Test outcomes will no longer be reported using levels. Scaled scores will be used instead.
- There will be 1 set of tests for each subject. They will include a small number of questions designed to assess the most able pupils, so separate tests are no longer required.
- An arithmetic test now replaces the mental mathematics test.
- Schools may consider entering pupils for some, or all of the tests, early. Where a pupil does not take all of the tests early, they may take the other tests in future years.
- The biennial science sampling tests will take place from Monday 6 June until Friday 17 June. Tests will be administered in selected schools by external administrators. Participation is statutory for schools selected to take part.
- Schools (except participating independent schools) don't need to order standard materials as orders will be based on autumn census data.

2016 sample test materials are available on www.gov.uk/sta



Standards
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Information

Monday 28 September:
'Test orders' section of
NCA tools opens.

Action

w/c Monday 28 September:
Create your new NCA tools
website password.
All accounts are reset for
the new test cycle.

September

Action

Monday 28 September:
Maintained schools and
academies need to order
modified tests by
Friday 27 November.

Action

Monday 28 September:
Independent schools
participating in assessments
need to order **both** standard
and modified tests by
Friday 27 November.

Deadline

Friday 27 November:

For participating independent schools to place their orders for both modified and standard materials, and to issue privacy notices.

Deadline

Friday 27 November:

For maintained schools and academies to order modified versions of the tests.

Deadline

End of autumn term:

For academies to have chosen which LA will undertake their monitoring of the KS2 national curriculum assessments.

Action

Monday 1 February:

'Access arrangements' section of NCA tools website opens for schools to apply for additional time, early opening, compensatory marks and timetable variations.

Deadline

Monday 29 February:

For schools to submit applications for early opening and compensatory marks. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check it has been completed and submitted.

Deadline

Friday 18 March:

For schools to complete pupil registration.

Independent schools:

Pupils not registered by today will **not** be able to take the tests.

October

November

December

January

February

March

For detailed information read the:

- assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)
- test administration guidance (TAG)

For all online test administration, visit the NCA tools website at <https://ncatools.education.gov.uk>

Remember to keep your school's details updated on the EduBase website: www.education.gov.uk/edubase

Keep up-to-date with our **assessment update** emails. These are sent to NCA tools super users throughout the test cycle.

Contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on **0300 303 3013** if you have any queries.

Information

Monday 22 February:

'Pupil registration' section of NCA tool opens.

Information

During March:

Refreshed 'Test administrators' guide' (TAG) published on GOV.UK.

Information

Early spring term:

STA to inform schools that have been selected to take part in the 2016 science sampling tests.

Deadline

Monday 11 April:

For schools to complete applications for additional time. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check that it has been completed and submitted.

April

Information

Monday 11 April:

If you have applied for early opening, you will be notified of the outcome of your application via NCA tools.

Information

w/c 25 April:

Delivery of test materials (standard and modified) and stationery items starts this week.

Action

Test Week

Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May:
Remember you can apply for a timetable variation if a pupil is absent.

Deadline

Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit the headteacher's declaration form.

Action

TTV Week

Monday 16 May to Thursday 19 May:
Applications for timetable variations (TTV) **must** be approved by STA before any tests using TTVs are administered.

May

Information

Friday 13 May:

'Access arrangements' section of NCA tools website opens for applications for special consideration.

Information

Monday 16 May:

Teacher assessment section of NCA tools opens.

Deadline

Friday 27 May:

Schools to submit teacher assessment data.

Deadline

Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit special consideration applications. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check that it has been completed and submitted.

Deadline

Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit any notifications that pupils have used a scribe, transcript, word processor or electronic or technical aid, or that the tests were administered at another location.

Information

Monday 23 May:

2016 mark schemes available from the NCA tools website.

Action

Science Sampling

Monday 6 June to
Friday 17 June:

Test period for schools selected to participate in the science sampling tests.

June

Information

Return of results

Tuesday 5 July:

Pupils' results (raw scores, scaled scores and marked script images) will be available on NCA tools. Tables to explain the conversion from raw scores to scaled scores are published on GOV.UK.

Information

Friday 2 September:

Review outcomes are returned to schools.

July to September

Action

By end of summer term:
Report to parents.

Deadline

Friday 15 July:

For schools to submit review applications. Applications submitted after this date will **not** be accepted.

Visit **GOV.UK** for information, latest news and publications: www.gov.uk/sta

Key tasks

Deadline

Order modified test material and, for participating independent schools only, standard tests

Friday 27 November

Academies to have chosen which LA will undertake their monitoring of the KS2 national curriculum assessments

End of autumn term

Submit applications for early opening and compensatory marks

Monday 29 February

Complete pupil registration

Friday 18 March

Submit applications for additional time

Monday 11 April

Submit notifications that pupils have used a scribe, transcript, word processor or electronic or technical aid, or that the tests were administered at another location

Friday 20 May

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Deadline to submit teacher assessment data

Friday 27 May

Submit review applications

Friday 15 July

Report to parents

End of summer term

Test

Date

English reading test

Monday 9 May

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Paper 1: short answer questions
Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 10 May

Mathematics

Paper 1: arithmetic
Paper 2: reasoning

Wednesday 11 May

Mathematics

Paper 3: reasoning

Thursday 12 May