

UK NEQAS for Trace Elements
2023 – 2024 Distribution Deadlines
Serum, blood and urine samples 2023.01 – 2023.24

Scheme Month	Specimen ID	Dispatch Date	Distribution Closes-Result Deadline
APR2023	2023.01 - 2023.02	Week Beginning 06 th March 2023	30 th April 2023
MAY2023	2023.03 – 2023.04		31 st May 2023
JUN2023	2023.05 – 2023.06		30 th June 2023
JUL2023	2023.07 – 2023.08		31 st July 2023
AUG2023	2023.09 – 2023.10		31 st August 2023
SEPT2023	2023.11 – 2023.12		30 th September 2023
OCT2023	2023.13 – 2023.14		Week Beginning 11 th September 2023
NOV2023	2023.15 – 2023.16	30 th November 2023	
DEC2023	2023.17 – 2023.18	31 st December 2023	
JAN2024	2023.19 – 2023.20	31 st January 2024	
FEB2024	2023.21 – 2023.22	29 th February 2024	
MAR2024	2023.23 – 2023.24	31 st March 2024	

PLEASE NOTE:

1. UK NEQAS for Trace Elements distributes samples twice per scheme year, which runs from April 1st to March 31st.
2. Samples should be received no later than 1 week before the start of each distribution, which start on 1st April and 1st 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; 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.