

UK NEQAS for Trace Elements  
2024 – 2025 Distribution Deadlines  
Serum, blood and urine samples 2024.01 – 2024.24

Scheme Month	Specimen ID	Dispatch Date	Distribution Closes-Result Deadline
APR2024	2024.01 - 2024.02	Week Beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
MAY2024	2024.03 – 2024.04		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
JUN2024	2024.05 – 2024.06		30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
JUL2024	2024.07 – 2024.08		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024
AUG2024	2024.09 – 2024.10		31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024
SEPT2024	2024.11 – 2024.12		30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
OCT2024	2024.13 – 2024.14		Week Beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
NOV2024	2024.15 – 2024.16	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	
DEC2024	2024.17 – 2024.18	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
JAN2025	2024.19 – 2024.20	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	
FEB2025	2024.21 – 2024.22	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
MAR2025	2024.23 – 2024.24	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	

**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 [rs-c-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net](mailto:rs-c-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.