

**UK NEQAS for Trace Elements  
2025 – 2026 Distribution Deadlines  
Serum, blood and urine samples 2025.01 – 2025.24**

<b>Scheme Month</b>	<b>Specimen ID</b>	<b>Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Distribution Closes-Result Deadline</b>
APR2025	2025.01 - 2025.02	Week Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
MAY2025	2025.03 – 2025.04		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025
JUN2025	2025.05 – 2025.06		30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
JUL2025	2025.07 – 2025.08		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
AUG2025	2025.09 – 2025.10		31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025
SEPT2025	2025.11 – 2025.12		30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
OCT2025	2025.13 – 2025.14	Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
NOV2025	2025.15 – 2025.16		30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
DEC2025	2025.17 – 2025.18		31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
JAN2026	2025.19 – 2025.20		31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
FEB2026	2025.21 – 2025.22		28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
MAR2026	2025.23 – 2025.24		31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

**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.