



Pearson Edexcel examination start times for November exams

These timings apply to **November exams only**. For other exam series, please refer to the relevant document.

This document applies to examinations for: **International GCSEs**

This document details the start times for exams, in the local time of each time zone (columns highlighted **yellow**)

To allow some flexibility, centres can start examinations by **up to 30 minutes** earlier or later than the published time below without the need to request approval from Pearson. For examinations started 30 minutes early, students must still stay under centre supervision until at least one hour after the start time listed below.

Permission must be requested in advance if a centre wishes to vary the start time of exams **in excess** of 30 minutes. In this event, a request must be emailed to uk.special.requirements@pearson.com with the message title, '*Request for variation to exam start time*'. If exams are delivered to students via authorities such as the British Council, or other local government agencies, please consult with them directly regarding the exact exam timings that will be used.

The date of each exam can be found on our website here: [Exam timetables | Pearson qualifications](#)

International GCSE exams will be available in May/June and November each year. For the November exams, only one version of the International GCSE exams is available (no R-paper version is available in November).

For some countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the tables below state the time at which students can be **released** by the centre following completion of the exam in the final session of each day (i.e. the PM exam). Exams must be scheduled to finish close to this release time (for example, if the release time for your time-zone is 20.30, an exam with two-hour duration should be started at 18.30). This will ensure minimal student supervision by the centre is required after an exam is finished. If an exam is completed before the release time, students must remain under the supervision of invigilators or other centre staff until the release time, and parental supervision cannot be used instead. Supervision of students will not be required after the release time listed.

Country or territory	Region	Time difference	AM exams time in UK	AM Exam Start (Local time)	PM exams time in UK	PM Exam Start (Local time)	Exam release time (where relevant)
Algeria	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Botswana	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Burkina Faso	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Burundi	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Cameroon	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Côte d'Ivoire	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Djibouti	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Egypt	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Ethiopia	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Gabon	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Ghana	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Guinea	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Kenya	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Lesotho	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	

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Libya	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Madagascar	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Malawi	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Mauritius	Africa	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Morocco	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Mozambique	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Namibia	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Nigeria	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Rwanda	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Seychelles	Africa	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Sierra Leone	Africa	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Somalia	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
South Africa	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	

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Tunisia	Africa	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Uganda	Africa	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Zambia	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Zimbabwe	Africa	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Albania	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Andorra	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Armenia	Europe	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Austria	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Azerbaijan	Europe	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Belgium	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Bulgaria	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Canary Islands	Europe	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Cyprus	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	

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Czechia	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Denmark	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Estonia	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
France	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Georgia	Europe	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Germany	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Gibraltar	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Greece	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Hungary	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Ireland	Europe	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Italy	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Latvia	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Lithuania	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Luxembourg	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	

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Malta	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Monaco	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Montenegro	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Netherlands	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Poland	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Portugal	Europe	0.00	9.00	9.00	13.30	13.30	
Romania	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Slovakia	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Slovenia	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Spain	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Sweden	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Switzerland	Europe	1.00	9.00	10.00	13.30	14.30	
Turkey	Europe	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Ukraine	Europe	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	

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Bahrain	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Iraq	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Israel	Middle East	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Jordan	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Kuwait	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Lebanon	Middle East	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Oman	Middle East	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Palestine	Middle East	2.00	9.00	11.00	13.30	15.30	
Qatar	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
Saudi Arabia	Middle East	3.00	9.00	12.00	13.30	16.30	
United Arab Emirates	Middle East	4.00	9.00	13.00	13.30	17.30	
Bangladesh	Asia	6.00	9.00	15.00	13.30	19.30	

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Brunei	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Cambodia	Asia	7.00	9.00	16.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
China	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Hong Kong	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
India	Asia	5.30	9.00	14.30	13.30	19.00	
Indonesia – Western time	Asia	7.00	9.00	16.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
Indonesia – Central time	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Japan	Asia	9.00	9.00	18.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 22.30
Kazakhstan	Asia	5.00	9.00	14.00	13.30	18.30	
Korea	Asia	9.00	9.00	18.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 22.30
Macao	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30

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Malaysia	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Maldives	Asia	5.00	9.00	14.00	13.30	18.30	
Mongolia	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Myanmar	Asia	6.30	9.00	15.30	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 20.00
Nepal	Asia	6.00	9.00	15.00	13.30	19.30	
Pakistan	Asia	5.00	9.00	14.00	13.30	18.30	
Philippines	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Singapore	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Sri Lanka	Asia	5.30	9.00	14.30	13.30	19.00	
Taiwan	Asia	8.00	9.00	17.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
Thailand	Asia	7.00	9.00	16.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
Timor-Leste	Asia	9.00	9.00	18.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 22.30

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Uzbekistan	Asia	5.00	9.00	14.00	13.30	18.30	
Viet Nam	Asia	7.00	9.00	16.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
Australia (Sydney)	Oceania	11.00	9.00	20.00	13.30	Based on release time	Release time from centre supervision 00.30