



# Pearson

## Timetable contingency slots – advice for centres

As a member of JCQ, Pearson works with the other UK Awarding Organisations to agree a common timetable for our GCSE and GCE examinations. The [JCQ Construction of the Common timetable document](#) outlines that the last day of the JCQ common timetable has been identified as a contingency should an examination not be able to take place as timetabled due to widespread, sustained national or local disruption in the UK. This is part of Awarding Organisations' contingency plan for the examination system.

**For GCSE and GCE May-June timetables, the contingency date is published in JCQ's [Key Dates calendar](#) ahead of the series.**

We also have a contingency slot in place for all other Pearson qualifications. This is the day after the last examination for that qualification in each series, should there be exceptional circumstances that may require us to reschedule an examination.

### Invoking the use of this contingency slot

Pearson will only make use of this contingency slot if all other options for the examination to take place as scheduled have been exhausted.

In the unlikely event of this slot needing to be used we will communicate with all centres entered for examinations on the scheduled date with clear advice and instructions on how to proceed.

### Centre contingency plan

Centres should ensure that they have a plan in place should this contingency day need to be used. This may require candidates and parents being aware that exams could be scheduled up to and including the contingency day, although candidates would only need to attend school if the contingency plan is invoked and an examination is rescheduled.

If you have any questions about timetables or contingency timetable slots, please contact us on [timetables@pearson.com](mailto:timetables@pearson.com)