

Exams Administration

Exam starting time guidance

Version 1

Starting times

All schools must take their exams at the published starting time and students **must** remain under examination conditions **until 1 hour after the published starting time** of the exam.

The published starting time of exams is given in UK time. This varies depending on UK daylight saving time. Daylight saving time is observed in the UK from the last Sunday of March at 00:01 until the last Saturday of October at 23:59.

- During UK daylight saving time (BST/UTC+01:00) the starting time is 8am.
- During UK standard time (GMT/UTC+00:00) the starting time is 7am.

Exam papers and inserts are uploaded to Centre Services and Customer Services open 90 minutes before the exam starting time.

November Series

OxfordAQA examinations **Monday 20 October to Friday 24 October** are scheduled to begin at 8.00am UK time.

OxfordAQA examinations from **Monday 27 October** are scheduled to begin at 7.00am UK time.

January Series

OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 7am UK time.

May/June Series

OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 8.00am UK time.

The local starting time and when materials can be accessed on Centre Services are detailed in the tables below.

May/June Series and November Series (applicable to exams **before** the last Sunday in October)

Time zone	Countries	Time difference	Exam starting time (local time)	Paper available on Centre Services and Customer Services open (local time)
Western European Time (WET)	Iceland	- 1 hour	07:00	05:30
Western European Summer Time (WEST)	Faroe Islands, Portugal	0	08:00	06:30
Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)	Cote d'Ivoire*			
West Africa Time (WAT)	Algeria*, Angola*, Morocco, Tunisia*			
Central European Summer Time (CEST)	Aland Islands, Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Vatican City (Holy See)	+1hour	09:00	07:30
Central Africa Time (CAT)	Malawi* Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia*, Zimbabwe			
Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)	Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Romania	+2hours	10:00	08:30
Turkey Time (TRT)	Turkey			
East African Time (EAT)	Kenya*, Uganda			
Arabian Standard Time (AST)	Bahrain, Iraq*, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia			
Egypt Daylight Saving Time (DST)	Egypt - Please read Egypt starting time guidance			
Mauritius Time (MUT)	Mauritius	+3hours	11:00	09:30
Seychelles Time (SCT)	Seychelles			
Gulf Standard Time (GST)	Oman, UAE			
Uzbekistan Time (UZT)	Uzbekistan*	+4hours	12:00	10:30
Pakistan Standard Time (PKT)	Pakistan			
Indian Standard Time (IST)	India	+4 and a half hours	12:30	11:00
Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)	Sri Lanka			
Bangladesh Standard Time (BST)	Bangladesh	+ 5 hours	13:00	11:30

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Myanmar Standard Time (MMT)	Myanmar*	+ 5 and a half hours	13:30	12:00
Indochina Time (ICT)	Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam	+ 6 hours	14:00	12:30
Western Indonesian time (WIB)	Indonesia			
Hovd Standard Time (HOVT)	Mongolia			
Brunei Time (BNT)	Brunei Darussalam	+ 7 hours	15:00	13:30
Central Indonesian time (WITA)	Indonesia			
Malaysia Time (MYT)	Malaysia			
Philippine Standard Time (PHST)	Philippines			
Singapore Standard Time (SGT)	Singapore			
China Standard Time (CST)	China			
Hong Kong Time (HKT)	Hong Kong			
Ulaanbaatar Standard Time (ULAT)	Mongolia			
Taiwan Standard Time (TST)	Taiwan			
Eastern Indonesian time (WIT)	Indonesia	+ 8 hours	16:00	14:30
Japan Standard Time (JST)	Japan			
Korea Standard Time (KST)	South Korea			

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Central Africa Time (CAT)	Malawi* Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia*, Zimbabwe			
Egypt Standard Time (EGY)	Egypt - exams from Friday 31 October 2025 onwards Please read Egypt starting time guidance			
Egypt Daylight Saving Time (DST)	Egypt - exams Monday 27 October - Thursday 30 October 2025 Please read Egypt starting time guidance	+3hours	10:00	08:30
Turkey Time (TRT)	Turkey	+3hours	10:00	08:30
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