

UK NEQAS for Trace Elements
2020 – 2021 Distribution Deadlines
Serum, blood and urine samples 2020.01 – 2020.24

Scheme Month	Specimen ID	Dispatch Date	Distribution Closes-Result Deadline
APR2020	2020.01 - 2020.02	Week Beginning 09 th March 2020	30 th April 2020
MAY2020	2020.03 – 2020.04		31 st May 2020
JUN2020	2020.05 – 2020.06		30 th June 2020
JUL2020	2020.07 – 2020.08		31 st July 2020
AUG2020	2020.09 – 2020.10		31 st August 2020
SEPT2020	2020.11 – 2020.12		30 th September 2020
OCT2020	2020.13 – 2020.14		Week Beginning 14 th September 2020
NOV2020	2020.15 – 2020.16	30 th November 2020	
DEC2020	2020.17 – 2020.18	31 st December 2020	
JAN2021	2020.19 – 2020.20	31 st January 2021	
FEB2021	2020.21 – 2020.22	28 th February 2021	
MAR2021	2020.23 – 2020.24	31 st March 2021	

PLEASE NOTE:

1. UK NEQAS for Trace Elements distributes samples twice per scheme year, which runs from April 1st to March 31st.
2. Samples should be received no later than 1 week before the start of each distribution, which start on 1st April and 1st October.
3. Please contact the UK NEQAS for Trace Elements Office if samples have not arrived by then: email rsc-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net; telephone 01483 689022.
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 one month after the distribution is closed.