

UK NEQAS for Trace Elements  
2021 – 2022 Distribution Deadlines  
Serum, blood and urine samples 2021.01 – 2021.24

Scheme Month	Specimen ID	Dispatch Date	Distribution Closes-Result Deadline
APR2021	2021.01 - 2021.02	Week Beginning 08 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
MAY2021	2021.03 – 2021.04		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
JUN2021	2021.05 – 2021.06		30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
JUL2021	2021.07 – 2021.08		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
AUG2021	2021.09 – 2021.10		31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021
SEPT2021	2021.11 – 2021.12		30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
OCT2021	2021.13 – 2021.14		Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
NOV2021	2021.15 – 2021.16	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
DEC2021	2021.17 – 2021.18	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	
JAN2022	2021.19 – 2021.20	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	
FEB2022	2021.21 – 2021.22	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	
MAR2022	2021.23 – 2021.24	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	

**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 [rsc-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net](mailto:rsc-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 one month after the distribution is closed.