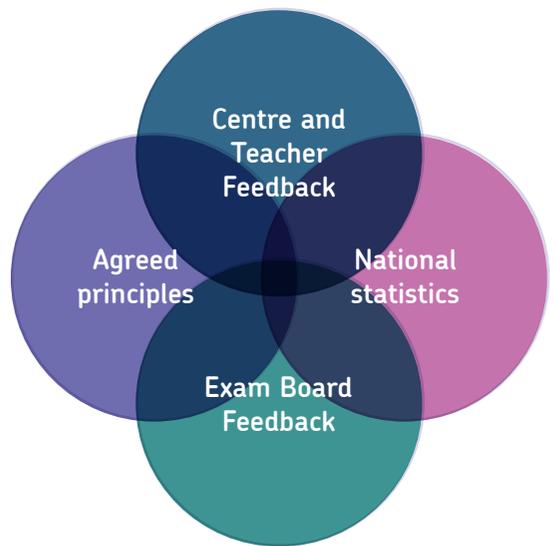


# AQA Exam Timetable Production

## Producing a timetable

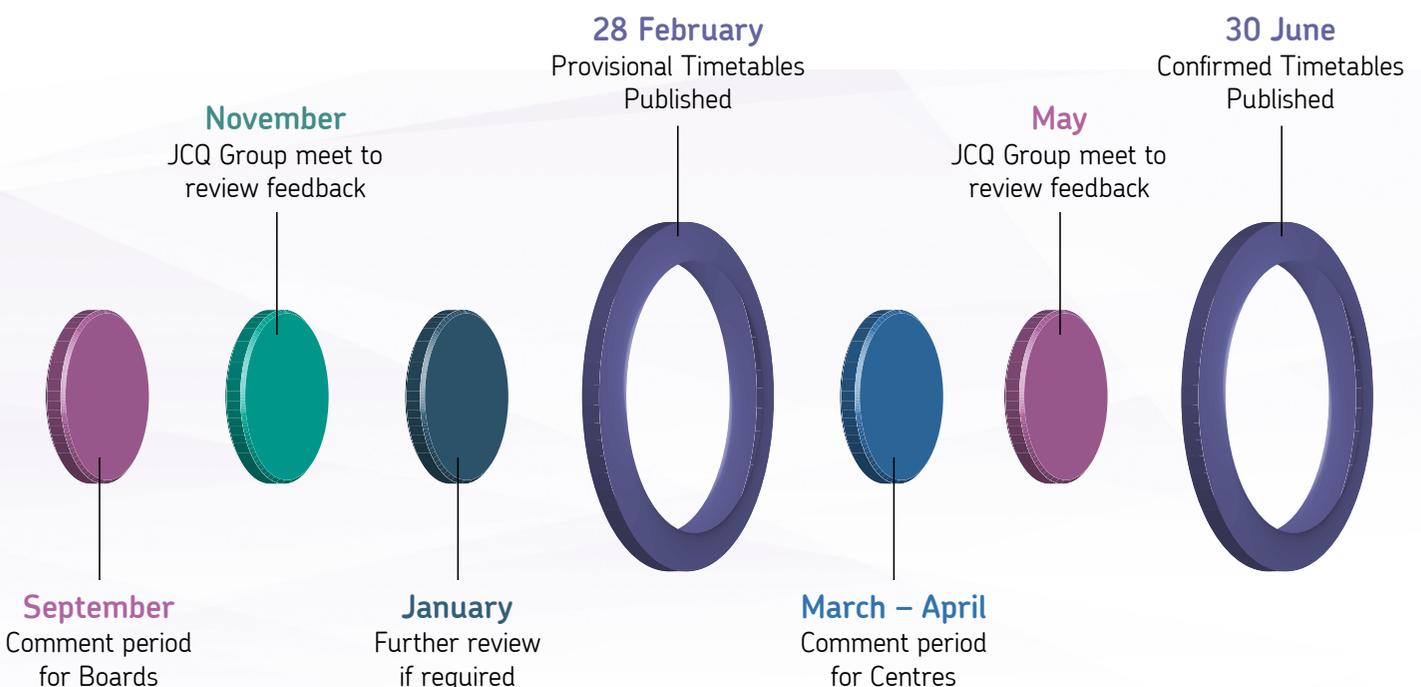
AQA, along with other awarding bodies, work together under the umbrella of the [Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\)](#) to arrange a common timetable for all GCSE, AS, A-level and vocational subjects for summer and November written exams. There are a number of principles that we apply to timetabling, these principles have been developed by listening to feedback and are reviewed each year. Each individual exam board's timetable uses the common timetable as a template and must use these agreed exam slots for their subjects.

Together the exam boards and JCQ work to produce a timetable that minimises the number of clashes nationally. A clash is where a student is due to sit two exams at the same time. AQA will always try and get the right result for the majority of students, so if we are made aware of an issue we will try and make a change as long as it doesn't impact others.



## Summer timetables

At AQA we start working on timetabling two years ahead, but work starts in earnest about 18 months before the exams start. That means that in February 2019 we will publish the summer 2020 timetables. We follow the same timescales each year, for summer this is:



## Feedback window

All exam boards are open to comment from centres regarding provisional timetables between March and April. If there is a strong reaction, nationally, to a subject's timetabling then the common timetable may be amended.

November, January and March Timetables follow a different timescale which means the period for comment for centres is November – December each year.

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