

**Timetable for the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020**  
(as of July 2018)

<b>Time (tentative)</b>	<b>Major Events</b>
September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UGC deliberated on the future of research assessment in Hong Kong and indicated strong support for conducting another RAE in Hong Kong</li> <li>• Heads of Universities unanimously agreed in principle that another RAE should be conducted with the inclusion impact and environment as new elements of assessment</li> </ul>
January 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UGC approved the objectives, principles, work plan, establishment of an RAE Group and engagement of consultant for the RAE 2020</li> </ul>
June to August 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on the draft Framework and the proposed mapping of units of assessment and subject panels</li> </ul>
October to December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Framework</li> <li>• Consultation on the draft Guidance Notes</li> <li>• Invitation of nominations of panel members from universities</li> <li>• Commencement of panel formation</li> </ul>
January to April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on the draft General Panel Guidelines and template for Panel-specific Guidelines on Assessment Criteria and Working Methods</li> </ul>
April to July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the Guidance Notes</li> <li>• Commencement of the planning for the RAE Electronic System (RAEES) development</li> <li>• Commencement of the liaison with universities on copyright issues</li> </ul>
23-25 July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings of Panel Convenors and Deputy Convenors with local Panel Members on panel-specific assessment criteria and working methods cum consultation forum on RAE assessment criteria</li> </ul>
August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalisation of the General Panel Guidelines and the Panel-specific Guidelines on Assessment Criteria and Working Methods by the RAE panels</li> </ul>
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of the General Panel Guidelines and the Panel-specific Guidelines on Assessment Criteria and Working Methods</li> </ul>
30 September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census date</li> </ul>
October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll-out of the RAEES</li> </ul>
December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt of universities' submissions</li> </ul>
January and February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial assessment of sample submissions by RAE panels</li> </ul>
March to July/August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel assessment of submissions</li> </ul>
August and September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings of RAE panels</li> </ul>
November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of Panel Reports by Panel Convenors</li> </ul>
January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAE results to be approved by the UGC</li> <li>• Announcement of results</li> </ul>