

Timetable for Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2026
(as of September 2023)

Time (tentative)	Major Events
May to July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGC expressed support for conducting another peer review RAE in 2026 in a form similar to RAE 2020 • Heads of Universities agreed for conducting another RAE in 2026 based on peer review
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGC approved the objectives, principles, work plan, establishment of an RAE Group and engagement of consultant for RAE 2026
May to August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the draft Framework and the proposed mapping of units of assessment and subject panels • Invitation of nominations of Panel Members from universities • Recruitment of Panel Convenors and Deputy Convenors
October to December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the Framework • Consultation on the draft Guidance Notes
January to April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the draft General Panel Guidelines and template for Panel-specific Guidelines on Assessment Criteria and Working Methods (Panel-specific Guidelines) • Recruitment of Panel Members (Phase One) • Commencement of the RAE Electronic System (RAEES) enhancement
May to August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the Guidance Notes • Commencement of the liaison with universities on copyright issues • Meetings of Panel Convenors and Deputy Convenors with local panel members on Panel-specific Guidelines cum consultation forum on RAE assessment criteria
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the General Panel Guidelines and Panel-specific Guidelines
October to December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities to provide submission intentions and start making exemption requests
January to April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of Panel Members (Phase Two) based on the submission intentions of universities • Workshop on Impact and/or Environment Submissions, if necessary
31 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for universities to provide exemption requests
August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll-out of the RAEES
30 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census date
September to December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction for Lay Members • Universities to provide lists of academic staff by 1 December 2025 • Universities to make submissions by 15 December 2025 • Recruitment of Panel Members (Phase Three), if necessary, to ensure sufficient expertise based on the number of submissions
January to February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial assessment of sample submissions by RAE panels
March to July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAE panel assessment of submissions
August to September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAE panels meetings
November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Panel Reports by Panel Convenors
January 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAE results to be approved by the UGC • Announcement of results and publicity activities