# Post-results services: Summary guide

## *Summer 2026*

If you're unhappy with an exam result, there are options available.

If you're a learner, the best thing to do is to speak to your school or college about your options. You might decide to see a copy of your exam paper, ask for a review of marking, or resit the exam.

**Post-results services process flow charts on pages 2, 3 and 4:**

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**Useful links:**

- **Post-results services**
- **Grade boundaries** (from 8.00 am on results day)
- **Certification and late awards**
- **Appeals**
- **Resits**
- **JCQ post-results services document**
- **Contact us**

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## Access to scripts

Request access to scripts (marked papers) on Centre Services to decide on reviews of marking and to support your teaching and learning.

Access to scripts (marked papers) services are free for a priority copy of marked paper and our standard copy of marked paper services.

Marked papers will be available on Centre Services once they're complete and will show the learner's written answers and the examiner's comments and marks.

Deadlines for access to scripts (marked papers) requests:

- **27 August 2026** – priority copy of marked paper (AS, A-level, AQA Certificate Level 3, Applied General qualifications)
- **3 September 2026** – priority copy of marked paper (GCSE)
- **30 October 2026** – standard copy of marked paper for teaching and learning purposes

Tip: if a university or college place is pending, go straight to priority review of marking.

## Clerical re-check

A clerical re-check of a marked paper will make sure that all pages were marked, the marks were all counted, and that the marks on the paper match the result.

For concerns about the content on a marked script or annotations, request a review of marking.

Deadline for requests: **24 September 2026**

## Review of marking

If you're concerned that the examiner has made a mistake marking your learner's script, you can consider requesting a review of marking. If a review of marking leads to an overall subject grade change, we will not charge for it.

Remember, there is no grade protection for reviews of marking. This means that learners' marks and subject grades may be lowered, confirmed, or raised as a result. You must seek each learner's consent before submitting a request.

Deadlines for review of marking requests:

- **20 August 2026** – priority review of marking (AS, A-level, AQA Certificate Level 3, Applied General qualifications)
- **24 September 2026** – review of marking (standard service) (for all qualifications).

## Data Insights

Data Insights will allow you to dig deeper into your results and see how your school, subject, class and individual learners have performed.

You can download results into a spreadsheet and review graphs for teaching and learning purposes and use these in your school SLT reports.

Find out more: aqa.org.uk/data-insights

## Missing results

Exams Officers can email us to query any missing or incomplete results:

- **No Result (X)** – learner was absent for all parts of the exam
- **Pending (Q)** – no result has been issued as the marks for one or more components of the exam are not available.

We'll investigate this as quickly as possible, and let you know the outcome. We'll update Centre Services within 24 hours and tell UCAS if necessary.

Tip: please tell us if there are any missing A-level results - we'll always prioritise results where a university or college place depends on the outcome.

## Review of moderation

If your school or college's internally assessed non-exam assessment (NEA) mark was adjusted away from centre marks during moderation, you can request a review of moderation on Centre Services to check the assessment criteria was applied fairly, reliably and consistently to the national standard.

- A review of moderation is only available for the full cohort in a subject. Individual learners cannot apply.
- A learner's mark cannot be lowered as a result of a review of moderation for this exam series, however, should the result be used in a future series (carry forward) the lower mark would be used.
- We'll email Exams Officers when your review of moderation outcome is available to view on Centre Services. The outcome letter will give details of any mark/grade adjustments. The review of moderation feedback report will be sent to the Exams Officer's email address when the outcome is available.
- If your school or college's mark is reinstated as a result of a review of moderation, we will not charge for it.

Deadline for requests: **24 September 2026**

A review of moderation takes up to 35 calendar days from when the reviewer receives the original sample from the school.

## Did you know?

### Question papers

If you did not get a chance to see the exam paper or insert on the day of the exam, Exams Officers can download copies of the papers from Centre Services 10 days after the exam. You can use these with your learners for any future mock assessments and teaching and learning purposes. Remember, all exam papers and inserts must be kept secure in your classrooms. You can download summer 2026 question papers and mark schemes from Centre Services on results day.

### Reports on the exam

For most components, the Lead Examiner produces an examiner's report from results day. The report is based on observations of a wide range of learner responses to questions and provides great insight into how the exams went including common misconceptions – and can help you and your learners prepare for the next exams.
The majority of reports will be available on Centre Services from results days (available from August and September).

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# A level summer 2026: post-results services

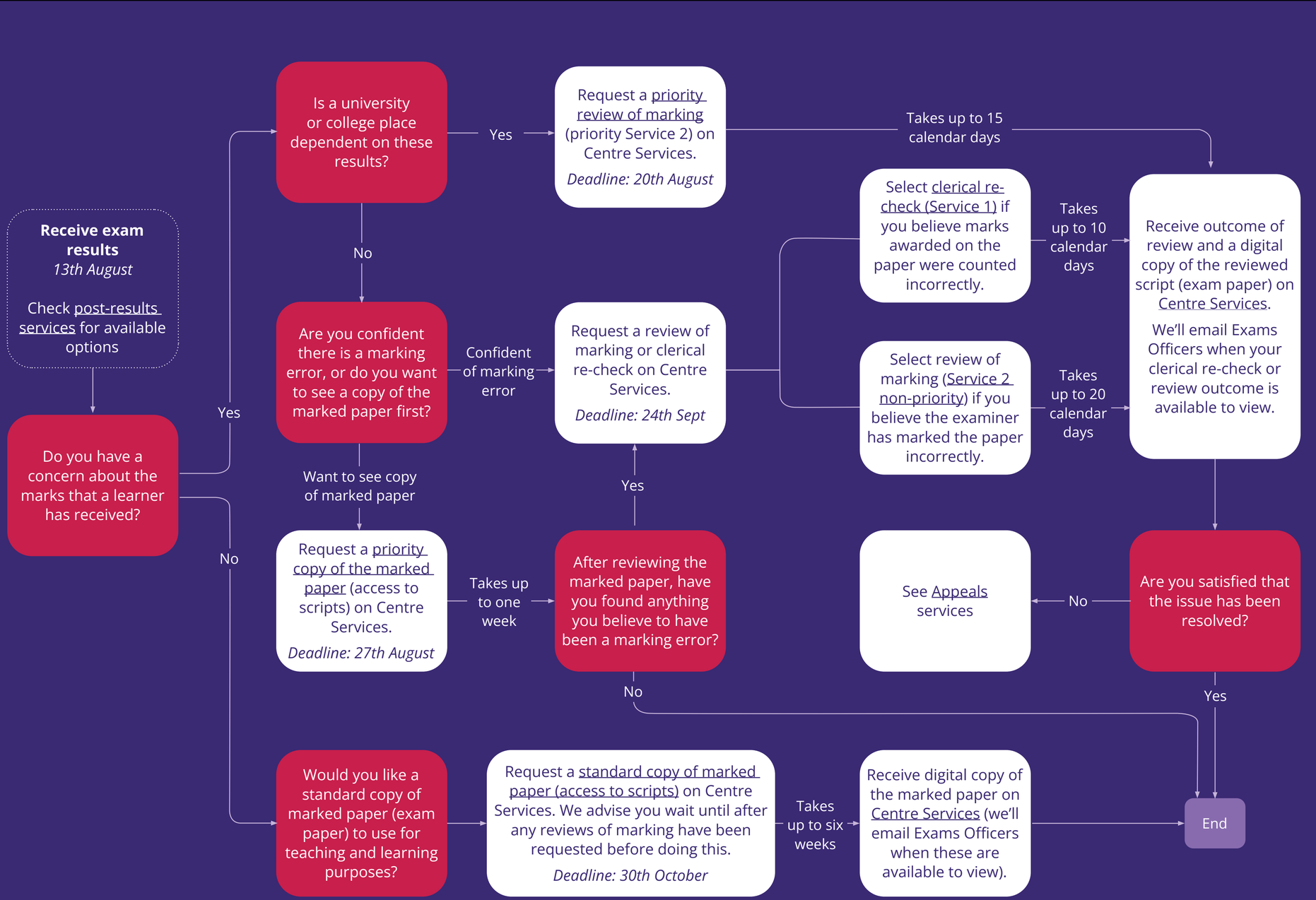
Review and priority review of marking and access to scripts for AS and A-level, AQA Certificate Level 3, AQA Certificate Level 3, and Applied General examined components

## Key dates

- **13 August 2026:** A-level results day
- **20 August 2026:** Deadline for priority review of marking
- **27 August 2026:** Deadline for priority copy of the marked paper
- **24 September 2026:** Deadline for non-priority review of marking
- **30 October 2026**: Deadline for Standard copy of marked paper (access to scripts)

## Things to note

- All access to scripts requests are free of charge
- All reviews of marking include a copy of the reviewed script at no additional cost
- Cohort review is not available for any examined component – see review of moderation
- Priority review of marking is not available for GCSE or other level 2 qualifications




**Remember, there is no grade protection for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking or any subsequent appeal. This means that learners' marks and subject grades may be lowered, confirmed or raised as a result. You must seek each learners' consent before submitting a request.**

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# GCSE summer 2026: post-results services

Review of results and access to scripts for GCSE, AQA Certificates (except Level 3), ELC and FCSE examined components

## Key dates

- **20 August 2026:** GCSE results day
- **3 September 2026:** Deadline for priority copy of marked paper
- **24 September 2026:** Deadline for review of marking
- **30 October 2026:** Deadline for Standard copy of marked paper (access to scripts)

## Things to note

- All access to scripts requests are free of charge
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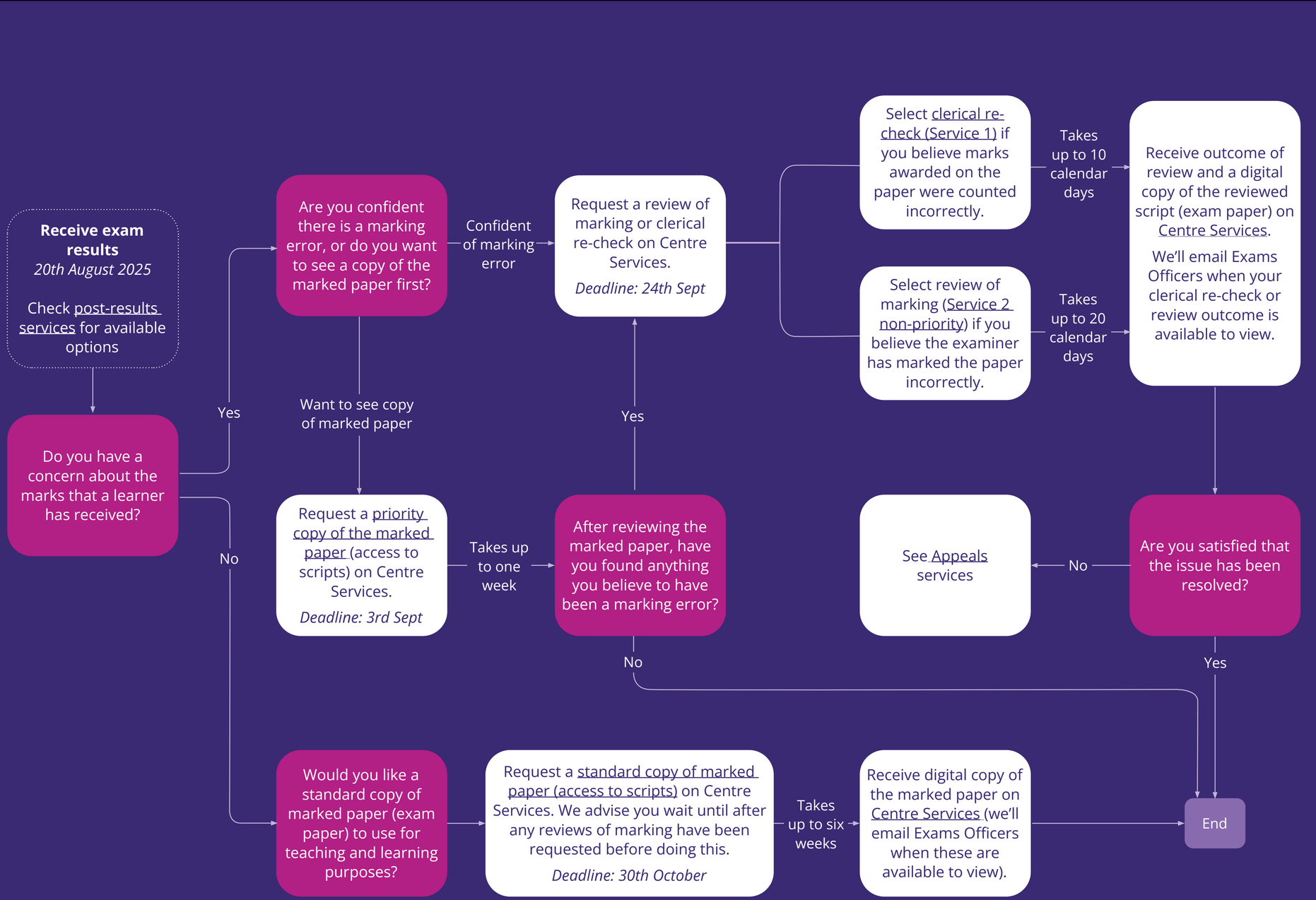


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# NEA summer 2026: post-results services

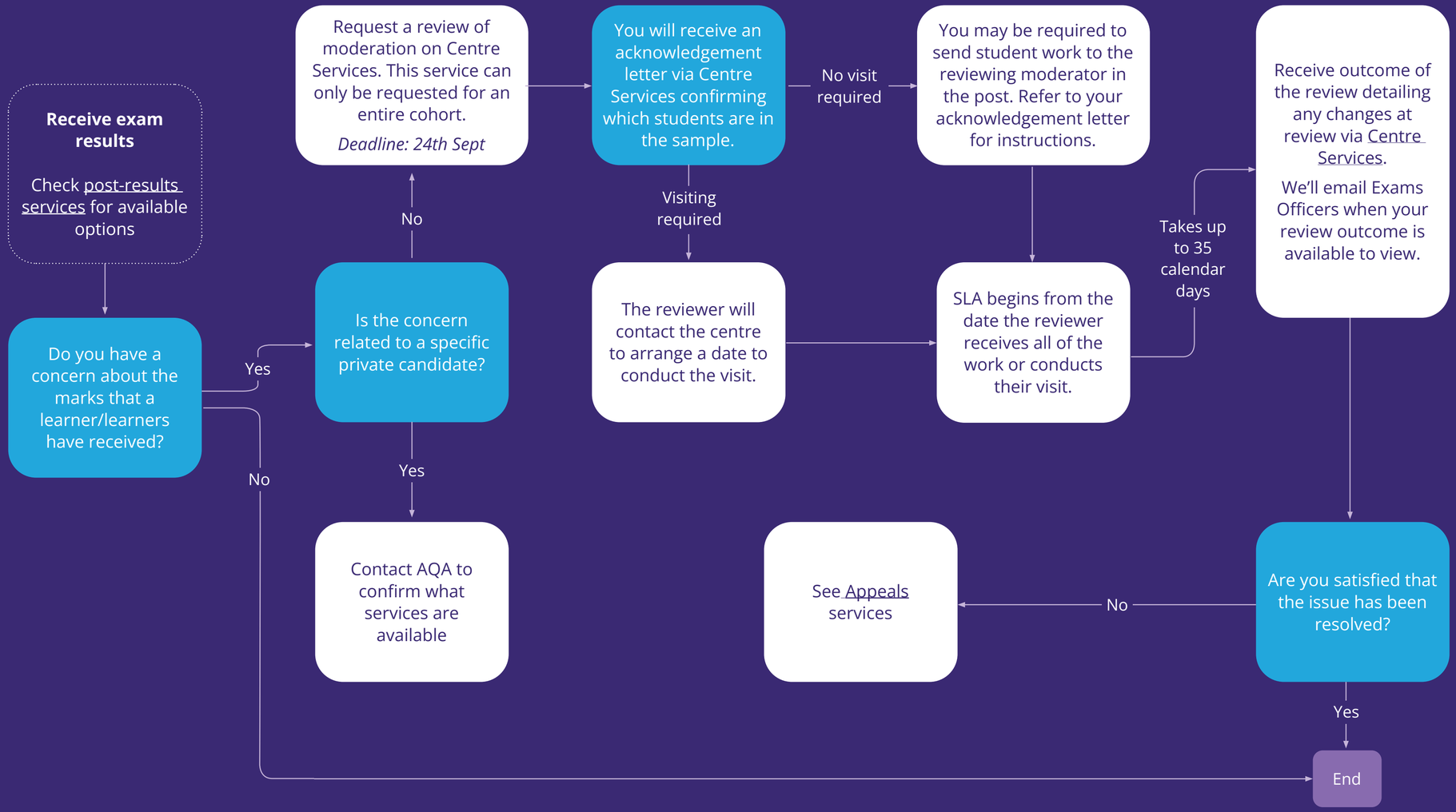
Review of results for NEA at all levels

## Key dates

- **13 August 2026:** A-level results day
- **20 August 2026:** GCSE results day
- **24 September 2026:** Deadline for review of moderation requests

## Things to note

- Only cohort review is available for review of moderation
- Written candidate consent is not required for a review of moderation
- Letters of concern **must not** be submitted with any review request (4.4.3 JCQ Post-Results guidance)
- No priority service is available for any NEA component
- For visiting components, keep in mind that it is often easiest and fastest to arrange these visits outside of term time




**Review of moderation is the only post-results service with grade protection, meaning that grades cannot go down as a result. However, centres should be aware that marks may still be raised, lowered, or stay the same as a result of a review of moderation, and a lowered mark may be carried forward to future certification.**

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