

NCTJ SHORTHAND EXAM SCHEDULE 2026-27



| | Day | Exam Date | 120 | 110 | 100 | 80 | 60 | Booking Deadline* | Results Due | |
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| Aug-26 | Friday | 14 August 2026 | On Demand exam bookings | On Demand exam bookings | 10:00 | | 11:30 | 31 July 2026 | 20 August 2026 | |
| Sep-26 | Friday | 11 September 2026 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 28 August 2026 | 17 September 2026 |
| Oct-26 | Friday | 02 October 2026 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 18 September 2026 | 08 October 2026 |
| | Thursday | 22 October 2026 | | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | 09 October 2026 | 29 October 2026 |
| | Friday | 23 October 2026 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 09 October 2026 | 29 October 2026 |
| Nov-26 | Thursday | 12 November 2026 | | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | 30 October 2026 | 19 November 2026 |
| Dec-26 | Thursday | 03 December 2026 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 20 November 2026 | 10 December 2026 |
| | Friday | 04 December 2026 | | | | 10:00 | | | 20 November 2026 | 10 December 2026 |
| Jan-27 | Thursday | 14 January 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 18 December 2026 | 21 January 2027 |
| | Friday | 15 January 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 18 December 2026 | 21 January 2027 |
| Feb-27 | Thursday | 04 February 2027 | | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | 22 January 2027 | 11 February 2027 |
| | Friday | 05 February 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 22 January 2027 | 11 February 2027 |
| | Thursday | 25 February 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 12 February 2027 | 04 March 2027 |
| | Friday | 26 February 2027 | | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | 12 February 2027 | 04 March 2027 |
| Mar-27 | Thursday | 18 March 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 05 March 2027 | 25 March 2027 |
| | Friday | 19 March 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 05 March 2027 | 25 March 2027 |
| Apr-27 | Thursday | 22 April 2027 | | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | 09 April 2027 | 29 April 2027 |
| | Friday | 23 April 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 09 April 2027 | 29 April 2027 |
| May-27 | Thursday | 13 May 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 30 April 2027 | 20 May 2027 |
| | Friday | 14 May 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 30 April 2027 | 20 May 2027 |
| Jun-27 | Thursday | 03 June 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 21 May 2027 | 10 June 2027 |
| | Friday | 04 June 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 21 May 2027 | 10 June 2027 |
| | Thursday | 24 June 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 11 June 2027 | 01 July 2027 |
| | Friday | 25 June 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 11 June 2027 | 01 July 2027 |
| Jul-27 | Thursday | 15 July 2027 | | | 10:00 | | 11:30 | | 02 July 2027 | 22 July 2027 |
| | Friday | 16 July 2027 | | | 10:00 | 11:30 | | | 02 July 2027 | 22 July 2027 |

* All booking deadlines shown are for approved shorthand exam centres and NCTJ accredited centres ONLY. All national shorthand exams will have differing booking deadline dates. Please see the NCTJ website for more details and guidance on national exams.

| National exam dates | 10:00 | 11:30 | 100wpm & 60wpm |
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| | 10:00 | 11:30 | 80wpm & 60wpm |
| | 10:00 | 11:30 | 100wpm & 80wpm |

When two speeds are held on the same date, the higher speed will always be the earlier exam.
There is to be no deviation from the exam schedule.