

SVI Assurance and Accreditation Calendar 2021

For the Social Value International Assurance and Accreditation services, there are a number of different services running that managed through application rounds. This document provides an overview of the SVI Assurance Calendar which outlines all of the assurance rounds throughout 2021. This covers applications for:

1. Report Assurance
2. SVI Level 1 Practitioner results rounds
3. SVI Practitioner Levels 2 and 3
4. Social Value Management Certificate (applications for all 3 levels 'Commit', 'Implement', 'Manage')

All services have a pool of applicants through the year and require timely responses and managed feedback processes. The timelines and process for feedback are outlined in this document after the calendar. There will be 4 rounds for each service. Report Assurance and SVI Level 2 and Level 3 Practitioner applications have separate application rounds, even though assured reports can be submitted as part of SVI Level 2 and Level 3 Practitioner applications.

SVI Level 1 Associate Practitioner applicants PLEASE NOTE: SVI Level 1 Associate Practitioners can submit their applications at any time, but they will only receive their results during the results rounds. The results rounds occur in the second week of the Report Assurance application rounds.

Fast track application requests can be made directly to the SVI Assurance Team.

There are a number of other assurance services that are managed on a bespoke basis. These are:

1. Product Accreditation (training, guidance and frameworks)
2. Software Accreditation

PLEASE NOTE: All invoices for assurance services operate on a 10-day net payment terms. Results of assurance engagements cannot be released until payment is received.

Key for calendar:

	Report Assurance application round
	SVI Level 1 Associate Practitioner results round
	SVI Practitioner L2 and L3 application round
	Social Value Management Certificate application round (all levels)

Assurance Calendar 2021

January		February		March		April		May		June	
1	Fr New Year's Day	1	Mo 5	1	Mo 9	1	Th	1	Sa	1	Tu
2	Sa	2	Tu	2	Tu	2	Fr Good Friday	2	Su	2	We
3	Su	3	We	3	We	3	Sa	3	Mo Early May Bank Hol.	3	Th
4	Mo 1	4	Th	4	Th	4	Su	4	Tu	4	Fr
5	Tu	5	Fr	5	Fr	5	Mo Easter Monday 14	5	We	5	Sa
6	We	6	Sa	6	Sa	6	Tu	6	Th	6	Su
7	Th	7	Su	7	Su	7	We	7	Fr	7	Mo SVMC R2 open 23
8	Fr	8	Mo L2 / L3 - R1 open 6	8	Mo SVMC R1 open 10	8	Th	8	Sa	8	Tu
9	Sa	9	Tu	9	Tu	9	Fr	9	Su	9	We
10	Su	10	We	10	We	10	Sa	10	Mo L2 / L3 - R2 open 19	10	Th
11	Mo 2	11	Th	11	Th	11	Su	11	Tu	11	Fr
12	Tu	12	Fr	12	Fr	12	Mo RA R2 open 15	12	We	12	Sa
13	We	13	Sa	13	Sa	13	Tu	13	Th	13	Su
14	Th	14	Su	14	Su	14	We	14	Fr	14	Mo 24
15	Fr	15	Mo 7	15	Mo 11	15	Th	15	Sa	15	Tu
16	Sa	16	Tu	16	Tu	16	Fr	16	Su	16	We
17	Su	17	We	17	We	17	Sa	17	Mo 20	17	Th
18	Mo RA R1 open 3	18	Th	18	Th	18	Su	18	Tu	18	Fr SVMC R2 closed
19	Tu	19	Fr L2 / L3 - R1 closed	19	Fr SVMC R1 closed	19	Mo L1 results - 2 16	19	We	19	Sa
20	We	20	Sa	20	Sa	20	Tu	20	Th	20	Su
21	Th	21	Su	21	Su	21	We	21	Fr L2 / L3 - R2 closed	21	Mo 25
22	Fr	22	Mo 8	22	Mo 12	22	Th	22	Sa	22	Tu
23	Sa	23	Tu	23	Tu	23	Fr RA R2 closed	23	Su	23	We
24	Su	24	We	24	We	24	Sa	24	Mo 21	24	Th
25	Mo L1 results - 1 4	25	Th	25	Th	25	Su	25	Tu	25	Fr
26	Tu	26	Fr	26	Fr	26	Mo 17	26	We	26	Sa
27	We	27	Sa	27	Sa	27	Tu	27	Th	27	Su
28	Th	28	Su	28	Su	28	We	28	Fr	28	Mo 26
29	Fr RA R1 closed			29	Mo 13	29	Th	29	Sa	29	Tu
30	Sa			30	Tu	30	Fr	30	Su	30	We
31	Su			31	We			31	Mo Spring Bank Hol.		

July		August		September		October		November		December						
1	Th	1	Su	1	We	1	Fr	1	Mo	44	1	We				
2	Fr	2	Mo	31	2	Th	2	Sa	2	Tu	2	Th				
3	Sa	3	Tu	3	Fr	3	Su	3	We	3	Fr	3	Fr			
4	Su	4	We	4	Sa	4	Mo	40	4	Th	4	Sa				
5	Mo	RA R3 open	27	5	Th	5	Su	5	Tu	5	Fr	5	Su			
6	Tu			6	Fr	6	Mo	L2 / L3 - R3 open	36	6	We	6	Sa	SVMC R4 open	49	
7	We			7	Sa	7	Tu			7	Th	7	Su			
8	Th			8	Su	8	We			8	Fr	SVMC R3 closed	8	Mo	L2 / L3 - R4 open	45
9	Fr			9	Mo	32	9	Th		9	Tu		9	We		
10	Sa			10	Tu	10	Fr			10	Sa		10	We		
11	Su			11	We	11	Sa			11	Mo	41	11	Th		
12	Mo	L1 results - 3	28	12	Th	12	Su			12	Tu		12	Fr		
13	Tu			13	Fr	13	Mo			13	We		13	Sa		50
14	We			14	Sa	14	Tu			14	Th		14	Su		
15	Th			15	Su	15	We			15	Fr		15	Mo		46
16	Fr	RA R3 closed		16	Mo	33	16	Th		16	Sa		16	Tu		
17	Sa			17	Tu	17	Fr	L2 / L3 - R3 closed		17	We		17	Mo		
18	Su			18	We	18	Sa			18	Th		18	Tu		
19	Mo		29	19	Th	19	Su			19	Fr		19	We	L2 / L3 - R4 closed	
20	Tu			20	Fr	20	Mo			20	Tu		20	Sa		51
21	We			21	Tu	21	We			21	Th		21	Su		
22	Th			22	Su	22	We			22	Fr		22	Mo		47
23	Fr			23	Mo	34	23	Th		23	Sa		23	Tu		
24	Sa			24	Tu	24	Fr			24	We		24	Mo		
25	Su			25	We	25	Sa			25	Th		25	Tu		
26	Mo		30	26	Th	26	Su			26	Fr		26	We		
27	Tu			27	Fr	27	Mo	SVMC R3 open	39	27	Th		27	Sa		
28	We			28	Tu	28	We			28	Fr		28	Mo		
29	Th			29	Su	29	Th			29	Tu		29	We		48
30	Fr			30	Mo	August Bank Hol.	30	Th		30	Fr		30	Mo		
31	Sa			31	Tu		31	Su		31	Tu		31	We		

Report Assurance Rounds

Number of Rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Report Assurance in 2021.

Assurance Steps:

The assurance process runs through the following steps:

1. Applicant submits report for assurance with supporting documentation
2. Assurance Team undertake first review and will communicate results to applicant within 1 week of end of round.
3. If report passes first review report is submitted for full anonymous assessment with external assessor. Applicant will receive their invoice.
4. External assessor returns feedback for review by assurance team
5. First results are sent to applicant and external assessor and applicant are put in touch. This will take place within 5-6 weeks from application date

At this stage applicants can have 3 different results:

- Report Assured
 - Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period
 - Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria
6. If an applicant receives the result: 'Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period' then the Applicant and Assessor communicate about feedback (recommendation for telephone call, but can be done over email)
 7. The applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not. SVI will issue the applicants amendment period invoice to the applicant.
 8. If taking the amendment period the applicant can amend their report and liaise with their assessor until they are happy they meet all of the necessary criteria and resubmit their report to the Assurance Team for final assurance. **PLEASE NOTE:** The assessor is only required to give 1 hours' worth of feedback on the initial assessment feedback, and 1 hours' worth of feedback on any amendments.
 9. If the report passes the final assurance assessment, then assurance of the report will be provided with the possibility of the following 2 results:
 - Report Assured
 - Report Assured with attached limitation statement: 'Limitation of the application of Principle 4: Only include what is material'

PLEASE NOTE: All invoices for assurance services operate on a 10-day net payment terms. Results of assurance engagements cannot be released until payment is received.

Round Dates:

Round 1: Jan/Feb 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 18th January

Round closes – Friday 29th January

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 1st February

Invoices issued – Tuesday 2nd February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 19th February at latest

Invoice paid by – Sunday 21st Feb at latest

Results released to applicants – Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 2nd April
Amendment invoice issued w/c 1st March and paid by Thurs 1st April at latest
Amendment results expected by 9th April

Round 2: Apr/May 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 12th April
Round closes – Friday 23rd April
Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 26th April
Invoices issued – Tuesday 27th April
Assessors to return results by – Friday 14th May
Invoice paid by – Sunday 16th May at latest
Results released to applicants – Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 25th June
Amendment invoice issued w/c 24th May and paid by Thurs 24th June at latest
Amendment results expected by 2nd July

Round 3: July/Aug 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 5th July
Round closes – Friday 16th July
Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 19th July
Invoices issued – Tues 20th July
Assessors to return results by – Friday 6th August
Invoice paid by – Sunday 8th August
Results released to applicants – Monday 9th – Friday 13th August
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 17th September
Amendment invoice issued w/c 16th August and paid by 16th September at latest
Amendment results expected by 24th September

Round 4: Oct/Nov 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 18th October
Round closes – Friday 29th October
Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 1st November
Invoices issued – Tuesday 2nd November
Assessors to return results by – Friday 19th November
Invoice paid by – Sunday 21st November
Results released to applicants – Monday 20th to Friday 26th November
Amendment period– 5 weeks – ends on 14 Jan 2022 (longer amendment period due to holidays)
Amendment invoice issued w/c 29th November and paid by 13th January
Amendment results expected by 21st Jan 2022

Social Value Management Certificate Rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Social Value Management Certificate applications in 2021.

Assurance Steps:

1. Applicants must submit all documents during the round including evidence and criteria form, and Terms and Conditions
2. Invoice is issued to applicant
3. Initial review is undertaken by the SVI Assurance Team
4. SVI approved external assessor is engaged if needed
5. Feedback will be released after a 6-week assessment period
6. Amendments can be made between rounds and resubmitted in the next round

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Round Dates:

Round 1: March/April 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 8th March

Round closes – Friday 19th March

Invoices issued – Wed 24th March

Invoice paid by – Wed 7th April

Feedback released between Monday 12th and Friday 16th April

Round 2: June/July 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 7th June

Round closes – Friday 18th June

Invoices issued – Wed 23rd June

Invoice paid by – Wed 7th July

Feedback released between Monday 12th and Friday 16th July

Round 3: Sept/Oct 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 27th September

Round closes – Friday 8th October

Invoices issued – Wed 13th October

Invoice paid by – Wed 27th October

Feedback released by between Monday 1st and Friday 5th November

Round 4: Nov/Dec 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 29th November

Round closes – Friday 10th December

Invoices issued – Wed 15th December

Invoice paid by – Wed 5th January 2022

Feedback released by Friday 21st January 2022

SVI Practitioner Application Rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 results rounds for Level 1 Associate Practitioner applications in 2021.

There will be 4 application rounds for Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner applications in 2021.

Levels of SVI Practitioner status:

The SVI Practitioner Pathway is a professional development pathway. There are 3 levels for becoming an SVI Practitioner:

- **Level 1: Associate Practitioner:** Demonstrated theoretical competence in social value and impact management in line with the SVI Framework
- **Level 2: Accredited Practitioner:** Demonstrated practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment in line with the SVI Framework
- **Level 3: Advanced Practitioner:** Advanced demonstration of practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment with all aspects of SVI Framework applied in full.

Application for Level 1: Associate Practitioner:

Level 1: Associate Practitioner applicants will be tested on their theoretical knowledge. This will be tested through an online Social Value and Impact Management exam.

Applicants can apply for Level 1: Associate Practitioner status at any time through the year, and undertake the online exam when most convenient for them.

PLEASE NOTE: Payment for applications is taken through the exam website.

Applications will be assessed by the Assurance Team, and results will be released during 4 rounds through the year. The round will be during the second week of the Report Assurance round as follows:

Round 1: January 2021

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 25th and Friday 29th January

Round 2: April 2021

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 19th and Friday 23rd April

Round 3: July 2021

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 12th and Friday 16th July

Round 4: October 2021

L1 AP Results will be released between Monday 25th and Friday 29th October

Application for Level 2: Accredited Practitioner and Level 3: Advanced Practitioner:

Level 2 and Level 3 Practitioners will be tested on their practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment in line with the SVI Framework. Level 3: Advanced Practitioner will show advanced demonstration of practical competence in the application of social impact and social value assessment with all aspects of SVI Framework applied in full.

Assurance and Accreditation Steps:

The accreditation process runs through the following steps:

1. Applicant submits SVI Level 2 or 3 Practitioner application including report for assurance with supporting documentation
2. Assurance Team undertake first review of application and will communicate results to applicant within 1 week of end of round.
3. If report passes first review report is submitted for full anonymous assessment with external assessor. Applicant will receive their invoice.
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 9. If the report passes the final assurance assessment, then assurance of the report will be provided with the possibility of the following 2 results:
 - Report Assured
 - Report Assured with Limitation of the application of Principle 4: Only include what is material

At this stage applicants will need to undertake an interview with the Assurance Team and their external assessor.

10. Applicants will undertake an interview which will test their overall knowledge of Social Value and Impact Management, and with specific questions related to the analysis they are using as a part of their application. The interview will be between 1-2 hours. The interview will take place between 1 and 3 weeks after their final report assurance result.

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Round Dates:

Round 1: Feb/March 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 8th February
Round closes – Friday 19th February
Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 22nd February
Invoices issued – Tuesday 23rd February
Assessors to return results by – Friday 12th March
Invoice paid by – Sunday 14th March
Results released to applicants – Monday 15th – Friday 19th March
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 23rd April
Amendment invoice issued w/c 22nd March
Amendment results expected by 30th April
Interview week – Monday 10th-Friday 14th May

Round 2: May/June 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 10th May
Round closes – Friday 21st May
Applications assigned to assessors – Tuesday 1st June (bank holiday on Monday 31st May)
Invoices issued – Wed 2nd June
Assessors to return results by – Friday 11th June
Invoice paid by – Sunday 13th June
Results released to applicants – Monday 14th – Friday 18th June
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 23rd July
Amendment invoice issued w/c 21st July
Amendment results expected by 30th July
Interview week – Monday 9th – Friday 13th August

Round 3: Sept/Oct 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 6th September
Round closes – Friday 17th September
Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 20th September
Invoices issued – Tuesday 21st September
Assessors to return results by – Friday 8th October
Invoice paid by – Sunday 10th October
Results released to applicants – Monday 11th – 15th October
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 19th November
Amendment invoice issued w/c 18th October
Amendment results expected by 26th November
Interview week – Monday 6th – Friday 10th December

Round 4: Nov/Dec 2021

Round opens for applications – Monday 8th November

Round closes – Friday 19th November

Applications assigned to assessors – Monday 22nd November

Invoices issued – Tuesday 23rd November

Assessors to return results by – Friday 10th December

Invoice paid by – Sunday 12th December

Results released to applicants – Monday 13th to Friday 17th December

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 4th February 2022 (longer amendment period due to holidays)

Amendment invoice issued beginning of January 2022

Amendment results expected by 11th February 2022

Interview week – Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022

PLEASE NOTE: It is expected that there will be an amendment period after each round of 5 weeks, however this is not guaranteed to occur.