

SVUK Assurance and Accreditation Calendar 2022

For the Social Value UK (SVUK) Assurance and Accreditation services, there are a number that are managed through application rounds. This document provides an overview of the SVUK Assurance Calendar which outlines all of the assurance rounds throughout 2022. This covers applications for:

1. Report Assurance
2. SVI Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
3. Social Value Management Certificate (applications for all 3 levels 'Commit', 'Implement', 'Maximise')

The timelines and process for feedback are outlined in this document below the calendar. There will be 4 rounds for each service. Report Assurance, SVI Level 2 Accredited Practitioner, and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner applications have separate application rounds.

Fast track applications can be requested by contacting the SVUK Assurance Team directly.

SVI Level 1 Associate Practitioners can submit their applications at any time, with results returned in line with the timelines set out in the relevant Terms and Conditions document.

There are a number of other assurance services that are not managed via application rounds, with applications possible at any time. These are:

1. Product Accreditation (training, guidance, and frameworks)
2. Software Accreditation
3. Level 1 Associate Practitioner status
4. Fast track Level 2 Accredited Practitioner status
5. Fast track Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
6. Fast track report assurance
7. Practitioner status renewals

PLEASE NOTE: Results of assurance engagements cannot be released until payment of all outstanding invoices is received.

Key for calendar:

	Report Assurance application round
	SVI Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status application round
	Social Value Management Certificate application round (all levels)

Assurance Calendar 2022

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

July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr	1 Mo 31	1 Th	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr
3 Su	3 We	3 Sa	3 Mo 40	3 Th	3 Sa
4 Mo RA R3 open 27	4 Th	4 Su	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Mo AP L2/L3 open 36	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo SVMC R4 open 49
6 We	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu
7 Th	7 Su	7 We	7 Fr SVMC R3 closed	7 Mo AP L2/L3 R4 open 45	7 We
8 Fr	8 Mo 32	8 Th	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr
10 Su	10 We	10 Sa	10 Mo 41	10 Th	10 Sa
11 Mo 28	11 Th	11 Su	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su
12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Mo 37	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo 50
13 We	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu
14 Th	14 Su	14 We	14 Fr	14 Mo 46	14 We
15 Fr RA R3 closed	15 Mo 33	15 Th	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Fr AP L2/L3 closed	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr SVMC R4 closed
17 Su	17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo RA R4 open 42	17 Th	17 Sa
18 Mo 29	18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu	18 Fr AP L2/L3 R4 closed	18 Su
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Mo 38	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo 51
20 We	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu
21 Th	21 Su	21 We	21 Fr	21 Mo 47	21 We
22 Fr	22 Mo 34	22 Th	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr
24 Su	24 We	24 Sa	24 Mo 43	24 Th	24 Sa
25 Mo 30	25 Th	25 Su	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su Christmas Day
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Mo SVMC R3 open 39	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo Boxing Day 52
27 We	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu Substitute day
28 Th	28 Su	28 We	28 Fr RA R4 closed	28 Mo 48	28 We
29 Fr	29 Mo August Bank Hol. 35	29 Th	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th
30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Fr	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr
31 Su	31 We		31 Mo 44		31 Sa

Report Assurance Rounds

Number of Rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Report Assurance in 2022.

Assurance Steps:

The assurance process runs through the following steps:

1. Applicant submits anonymised version of report for assurance with supporting documentation.
2. Assurance Team undertake first review and will communicate next steps 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 4 different results:

1. Report Assured
 2. Report assured with limitation statement
 3. Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period
 4. Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria
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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. Applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not. SVUK will issue the amendment period invoice to the applicant.
 8. If taking the amendment period, the applicant can amend their report and liaise with their assessor until the application meets all of the necessary criteria. They will then resubmit their report to the Assurance Team and their assessor via email for final assurance.
PLEASE NOTE: The assessor is only able to give 1 hour of feedback on the initial assessment feedback, and 1 hour 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 results:
 1. Report Assured
 2. Report Assured with an attached limitation statement.

PLEASE NOTE: Results of assurance engagements cannot be released until payment of all outstanding invoices is received.

Round Dates:

Round 1:

Round opens for applications – Monday 17th January

Round closes – Friday 28th January

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 31st January

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 31st January

Assessors to return results by – Friday 18th February at latest

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 21st February

Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 28th February

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends Friday 1st April

Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 28th March

Round closes – Friday 8th April

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 11th April

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 11th April

Assessors to return results by – Friday 29th April

Results released to applicants – Week commencing 2nd May

Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 9th May

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks - ends 10th June

Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 4th July

Round closes – Friday 15th July

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 18th July

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 18th July

Assessors to return results by – Friday 5th August

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 8th August

Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 15th August

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks - ends 16th September

Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 17th October

Round closes – Friday 28th October

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 31st October

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 31st October

Assessors to return results by – Friday 18th November

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 21st November

Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 28th November

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – Friday ends 30th December

Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report

Social Value Management Certificate

Rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Social Value Management Certificate applications in 2022.

Assurance Steps:

1. Applicants must submit all documents during the round including evidence and criteria form, evidence documents, and Terms and Conditions.
2. Invoice is issued to applicant.
3. Initial review is undertaken by the SVUK Assurance Team.
4. SVUK approved external assessor is engaged if needed.
5. Feedback will be released after a 6-week assessment period.
6. If an amendment period is needed, then this will be issued with a 3 month deadline for the applicant to resubmit further evidence and an updated evidence and criteria form.

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Round Dates:

Round 1:

Round opens for applications – Monday 7th March

Round closes – Friday 18th March

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 21st March

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 25th April

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 6th June

Round closes – Friday 17th June

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 20th June

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 25th July

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 26th September

Round closes – Friday 7th October

Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 10th October

Feedback released – Week commencing 14th November

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 5th December

Round closes – Friday 16th December

Invoices issued – Week commencing 19th December

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 23rd January

SVI Practitioner Application Rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 application rounds for Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner applications in 2022.

Levels of SVI Practitioner status:

The SVI Practitioner Pathway is a professional development pathway. There are 3 levels of SVI Practitioner status:

- **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 through an online Social Value and Impact Management exam.

Applicants can apply for Level 1: Associate Practitioner status at any time throughout the year, and undertake the online exam at a time most convenient for them. Results will then be released according to the timelines outlined in the relevant Terms and Conditions document.

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.
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 4 different results:

1. Report Assured
2. Report assured with limitation statement
3. Report does not meet the assurance standard criteria, but can with an amendment period

4. 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. Applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not. SVUK will issue the amendment period invoice to applicant.
8. If taking the amendment period, the applicant can amend their report and liaise with their assessor until the application meets all of the necessary criteria. They will then resubmit their report to the Assurance Team and their assessor via email for final assurance.
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:
 1. Report Assured
 2. Report Assured with an attached limitation statement

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:

Round opens for applications – Monday 7th February
Round closes – Friday 18th February
Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 21st February
Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 21st February
Assessors to return results by – Friday 11th March
Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 14th March
Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 21st March
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 22nd April
Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report
Interview held within 3 weeks of confirmation of successful report assurance

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 9th May
Round closes – Friday 20th May
Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 23rd May
Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 23rd May
Assessors to return results by – Friday 10th June
Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 13th June

Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing Monday 20th June
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on Friday 22nd July
Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report
Interview held within 3 weeks of confirmation of successful report assurance

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 5th September
Round closes – Friday 16th September
Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 19th September
Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 19th September
Assessors to return results by – Friday 7th October
Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 10th October
Amendment invoice issued – Week commencing 17th October
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 18th November
Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report
Interview held within 3 weeks of confirmation of successful report assurance

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 7th November
Round closes – Friday 18th November
Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 21st November
Invoices issued – Week commencing Monday 21st November
Assessors to return results by – Friday 9th December
Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 12th December
Amendment invoice issued - Week commencing Monday 19th December
Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks – ends on 3rd February 2023 (longer amendment period due to holidays)
Amendment results expected 1-2 weeks following resubmission of amended report
Interview held within 3 weeks of confirmation of successful report assurance