

SVUK Assurance and Accreditation Calendar 2023

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 2023. 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, 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 & 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. Software Accreditation
2. Level 1 Associate Practitioner status*
3. Fast track Level 2 Accredited Practitioner status
4. Fast track Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
5. Fast track report assurance
6. Practitioner Status renewals*

**SVUK only processes Level 1 Associate Practitioner Status applications and Practitioner Status renewals from applicants based in the UK. Non-UK applicants should contact Social Value International for more information.*

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 2023

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

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

Report Assurance Rounds

Number of Rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Report Assurance in 2023.

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, the 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 assessment.
PLEASE NOTE: The assessor is only able to give 1 hour of feedback on the initial assessment, 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 one 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 23rd January

Round closes – Friday 3rd February

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 6th February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 24th February at latest

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 27th February

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 27th March

Round closes – Friday 7th April

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 10th April

Assessors to return results by – Friday 28th April

Results released to applicants – Week commencing 1st May

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 3rd July

Round closes – Friday 14th July

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 17th July

Assessors to return results by – Friday 4th August

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 7th August

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 16th October

Round closes – Friday 27th October

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 30th October

Assessors to return results by – Friday 17th November

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 20th November

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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 2023.

Assurance Steps:

1. Applicants must submit all documents during the round including evidence and criteria form, evidence documents, and Terms & 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 6th March

Round closes – Friday 17th March

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 24th April

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 5th June

Round closes – Friday 16th June

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 24th July

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 25th September

Round closes – Friday 6th October

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 13th November

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 4th December

Round closes – Friday 15th December

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 1st 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 2023.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: SVUK only processes Level 1 Associate Practitioner Status applications from applicants based in the UK. Non-UK applicants should contact Social Value International for more information.

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.
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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 last around 1 hour. The interview will take place between 1 and 3 weeks after their final report assurance result.

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Round closes – Friday 17th February

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 20st February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 10th March

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 13th March

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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 8th May

Round closes – Friday 19th May

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 22nd May

Assessors to return results by – Friday 9th June

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 12th June

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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 4th September

Round closes – Friday 15th September

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 18th September

Assessors to return results by – Friday 6th October

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 9th October

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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 6th November

Round closes – Friday 17th November

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 20st November

Assessors to return results by – Friday 8th December

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 11th December

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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

Interview held within 3 weeks of confirmation of successful report assurance