

SVUK Assurance and Accreditation Calendar 2024

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 the assurance rounds throughout 2024. This covers applications for:

1. Report Assurance
2. SVI Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
3. The 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.

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

Applications for Level 1 Associate Practitioner status can be made at any time of the year, with results returned in line with the timelines set out in the relevant Terms & Conditions document.

There are a number of 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 2024

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

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

Report Assurance Rounds

Number of Rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Report Assurance in 2024.

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.
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 22nd January

Round closes – Friday 2nd February

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 5th February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 23rd February

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 26th 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 8th April

Round closes – Friday 19th April

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 22nd April

Assessors to return results by – Friday 10th May

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 13th 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 1st July

Round closes – Friday 12th July

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 15th July

Assessors to return results by – Friday 2nd August

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 5th 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 7th October

Round closes – Friday 18th October

Reports assigned to assessors – Monday 21st October

Assessors to return results by – Friday 8th November

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 11th 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 2024.

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. Assessment conducted by SVUK Assurance Team or an approved external assessor.
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 10th March

Round closes – Friday 15th March

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 22nd April

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 3rd June

Round closes – Friday 14th June

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 22nd July

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 16th September

Round closes – Friday 27th September

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 4th November

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 2nd December

Round closes – Friday 13th December

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 20th January

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

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 2024.

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.
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.

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 9. If the report passes the final assurance assessment, then assurance of the report will be provided with one of the following results:
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At this stage applicants will need to undertake an interview with a member of the SVUK Assurance Team and their report 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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Assessors to return results by – Friday 15th March

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 18th 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 13th May

Round closes – Friday 24th May

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 27th May

Assessors to return results by – Friday 14th June

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 17th 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 2nd September

Round closes – Friday 13th September

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 16th September

Assessors to return results by – Friday 4th October

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 7th 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 4th November

Round closes – Friday 15th November

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 18th November

Assessors to return results by – Friday 6th December

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 9th 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