

ISV Assurance and Accreditation Calendar 2026

The Institute for Social Value (ISV) run Assurance and Accreditation services for applicants based in the United Kingdom on behalf of Social Value International (SVI). A number of these are managed through application rounds. This document provides the Assurance Calendar which outlines all the assurance rounds throughout 2026. This covers applications for:

1. Report Assurance
2. Level 2 Accredited Practitioner status
3. Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
4. The Social Value Management Certificate (covering applications for all levels)

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 ISV Assurance Team directly. These applications can be submitted at any time, without having to wait for an application round to open.

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

1. Software Accreditation
2. Level 1 Social Value Associate status
3. Fast-track Level 2 Accredited Practitioner status
4. Fast-track Level 3 Advanced Practitioner status
5. Fast-track Report Assurance
6. Practitioner and Social Value Associate status renewals

Key for calendar:

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

Assurance Calendar 2026

January	February	March	April	May	June
1 Th	1 Su	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo SVMC R2 open 23
2 Fr	2 Mo	2 Mo SVMC R1 open 10	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu
3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We
4 Su	4 We	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo 19	4 Th
5 Mo	5 Th	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr
6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Fr	6 Mo 15	6 We	6 Sa
7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su
8 Th	8 Su	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo 24
9 Fr	9 Mo AP L2/L3 R1 open 7	9 Mo 11	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu
10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Tu	10 Fr RA R2 closed	10 Su	10 We
11 Su	11 We	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo AP L2/L3 R2 open 20	11 Th
12 Mo	12 Th	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr SVMC R2 closed
13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Fr SVMC R1 closed	13 Mo 16	13 We	13 Sa
14 We	14 Sa	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su
15 Th	15 Su	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo 25
16 Fr	16 Mo	16 Mo 12	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu
17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su	17 We
18 Su	18 We	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo 21	18 Th
19 Mo RA R1 open 4	19 Th	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr
20 Tu	20 Fr AP L2/L3 R1 closed	20 Fr	20 Mo 17	20 We	20 Sa
21 We	21 Sa	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su
22 Th	22 Su	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr AP L2/L3 R2 closed	22 Mo 26
23 Fr	23 Mo	23 Mo 13	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu
24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We
25 Su	25 We	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo 22	25 Th
26 Mo	26 Th	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr
27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Fr	27 Mo 18	27 We	27 Sa
28 We	28 Sa	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su
29 Th		29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo RA R3 open 27
30 Fr RA R1 closed		30 Mo RA R2 open 14	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu
31 Sa		31 Tu		31 Su	

Assurance Calendar 2026

July	August	September	October	November	December
1 We	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su	1 Tu
2 Th	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr	2 Mo AP L2/L3 R4 open 45	2 We
3 Fr	3 Mo 32	3 Th	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Th
4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su	4 We	4 Fr
5 Su	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo RA R4 open 41	5 Th	5 Sa
6 Mo 28	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Su
7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Mo 37	7 We	7 Sa	7 Mo 50
8 We	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 Tu
9 Th	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr	9 Mo 46	9 We
10 Fr RA R3 closed	10 Mo 33	10 Th	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Th
11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Fr AP L2/L3 R3 closed	11 Su	11 We	11 Fr SVMC R4 closed
12 Su	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo 42	12 Th	12 Sa
13 Mo 29	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr AP L2/L3 R4 closed	13 Su
14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Mo SVMC R3 open 38	14 We	14 Sa	14 Mo 51
15 We	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su	15 Tu
16 Th	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr RA R4 closed	16 Mo 47	16 We
17 Fr	17 Mo 34	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Th
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We	18 Fr
19 Su	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo 43	19 Th	19 Sa
20 Mo 30	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Su
21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Mo 39	21 We	21 Sa	21 Mo 52
22 We	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 Tu
23 Th	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo 48	23 We
24 Fr	24 Mo 35	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Th
25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Fr SVMC R3 closed	25 Su	25 We	25 Fr
26 Su	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo 44	26 Th	26 Sa
27 Mo 31	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Su
28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Mo 40	28 We	28 Sa	28 Mo 53
29 We	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Su	29 Tu
30 Th	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Mo SVMC R4 open 49	30 We
31 Fr	31 Mo AP L2/L3 R3 open 36		31 Sa		31 Th

Report Assurance rounds

Number of Rounds:

There will be 4 rounds for Report Assurance in 2026.

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 an 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 the applicant is put in touch with assessor.

At this stage applicants can have 4 different results:

- a) Report Assured.
- b) Report Assured with limitation statement.
- c) Report does not meet the Assurance Standard criteria, but can with an amendment period.
- d) Report does not meet the Assurance Standard criteria.

Please note: If the report does not require an amendment period, the applicant will receive a partial refund of £350 to reflect the lower assessment time needed.

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 an online call, but can be done over email).
7. Applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not.
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:
 - a) Report Assured.
 - b) Report Assured with an attached Limitation Statement.

Round Dates:

Round 1:

Round opens for applications – Monday 19th January

Round closes – Friday 30th January

Reports assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 2nd February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 20th February

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 23rd 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 30th March

Round closes – Friday 10th April

Reports assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 13th April

Assessors to return results by – Friday 1st May

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 4th 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 29th June

Round closes – Friday 10th July

Reports assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 13th July

Assessors to return results by – Friday 31st July

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 3rd 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 5th October

Round closes – Friday 16th October

Reports assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 19th October

Assessors to return results by – Friday 6th November

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 9th November

Amendment period if needed – 5 weeks

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

SVI Professional Pathway rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 application rounds for Level 2 Accredited Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Practitioner applications in 2026.

Levels on the SVI Professional Pathway:

There are three levels of the SVI Professional Pathway:

- **Level 1 Social Value Associate:** 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 Social Value Associate status:

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

Applicants can apply for Level 1 Social Value Associate 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 status:

Level 2 Accredited Practitioners and Level 3 Advanced 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 Practitioners must 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 Steps:

The accreditation 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 an 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 the applicant is put in touch with assessor.

At this stage applicants can have 4 different results:

- a) Report Assured.
- b) Report Assured with limitation statement.
- c) Report does not meet the Assurance Standard criteria, but can with an amendment period.
- d) Report does not meet the Assurance Standard criteria.

Please note: If the report does not require an amendment period, the applicant will receive a partial refund of £350 to reflect the lower assessment time needed.

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 an online call, but can be done over email).
7. Applicant confirms if they are taking their amendment period or not.
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.
9. If the report passes the final assurance assessment, then assurance of the report will be provided with one of the following results:
 - a) Report Assured.
 - b) Report Assured with an attached limitation statement.

Please note: Reports Assured with an attached limitation statement can only be used as part of an application for Level 2 Accredited Practitioner status.

At this stage applicants will need to undertake an interview with a member of the 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.

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 9th February

Round closes – Friday 20th February

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 23rd February

Assessors to return results by – Friday 13th March

Results released to applicants – Week Commencing Monday 16th 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 11th May

Round closes – Friday 22nd May

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 25th May

Assessors to return results by – Friday 12th June

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 15th 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 31st August

Round closes – Friday 11th September

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 14th September

Assessors to return results by – Friday 2nd October

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 5th 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 2nd November

Round closes – Friday 13th November

Applications assigned to assessors – Week commencing Monday 16th November

Assessors to return results by – Friday 4th December

Results released to applicants – Week commencing Monday 7th 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

Social Value Management

Certificate rounds

Number of rounds:

There will be 4 application rounds for Social Value Management Certificate applications in 2026.

Assurance Steps:

1. Applicants must submit application, including all supporting documents.
2. Invoice is issued to applicant.
3. Initial review is undertaken by the Assurance Team.
4. Assessment conducted by Assurance Team or an approved external assessor.
5. Feedback will be released after an 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.

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 2nd March

Round closes – Friday 13th March

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 20th April

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 2:

Round opens for applications – Monday 1st June

Round closes – Friday 12th June

Feedback released - Week commencing Monday 20th July

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 3:

Round opens for applications – Monday 14th September

Round closes – Friday 25th September

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 2nd November

Amendment period if needed – 3 months

Round 4:

Round opens for applications – Monday 30th November

Round closes – Friday 11th December

Feedback released – Week commencing Monday 18th January

Amendment period if needed – 3 months