

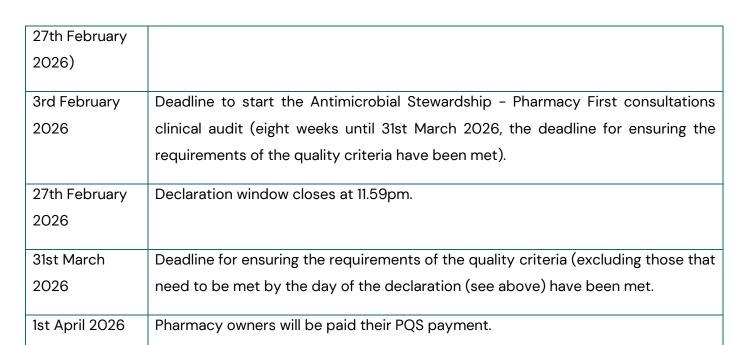


Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2025/26 – important dates for the diary

This Community Pharmacy England resource provides a list of the important dates for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26.

| PQS 2025/26 officially starts. |
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| Start date for the following criteria included in the Medicines Optimisation Domain: Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years; and Patients using three or more bronchodilators in six months. |
| Aspiration payment window opens at 9am. |
| Aspiration payment closes at 11.59pm. |
| Aspiration payment is paid to pharmacy owners. |
| Deadline* to have signed up to deliver the Pharmacy First Service and the Pharmacy Contraception service to meet the Gateway criterion. |
| The Antimicrobial Stewardship - Pharmacy First consultations clinical audit can be started from this date (the 2025/26 clinical audit should be conducted from 1st September 2025 and completed no later than 31st March 2026). |
| Declaration window opens at 9am. |
| Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years' quality criterion, as part of PQS. Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Referrals for patients using three |
| or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers without any corticosteroid inhaler in six months' quality criterion, as part of PQS. |
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^{*}Further information for pharmacy owners who open or change ownership from 1st September 2025 is detailed in section 3.1 of the <u>Drug Tariff update</u> on PQS.