

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2026/27 – important dates for the diary

This Community Pharmacy England resource provides a list of the important dates for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2026/27.

Date	Why is this date important?
2nd June 2026	<p>PQS 2026/27 officially starts.</p> <p>Pharmacy owners can update* NHS Profile Manager from this date if they are a 'Pharmacy palliative care medication stockholder'.</p> <p>*Pharmacy owners who claimed for the Medicines Optimisation domain in 2025/26 must ensure their status is correct and updated for 2026/27 by logging into NHS Profile Manager and verifying this between 2nd June 2026 and by the end of 31st March 2027.</p>
13th July 2026	Aspiration payment window opens at 9am.
28th July 2026	Aspiration payment closes at 11.59pm.
August 2026 (Dates TBC)	<p>The Palliative and End of Life Care questionnaire (PEoLC) will be published on the NHSBSA website. Pharmacy owners must complete this by the end of 31st December 2026. Since this is a requirement of the gateway criterion, if this deadline is missed, pharmacy owners will not be able to make a PQS declaration.</p> <p>The clinical services audit will be published on the NHSBSA website.</p>
1st September 2026	Aspiration payment is paid to pharmacy owners.
31st December 2026	<p>Deadline for completing and submitting the PEoLC questionnaire.</p> <p>Since this is a requirement of the gateway criterion, if this deadline is missed, pharmacy owners will not be able to make a PQS declaration.</p>
1st February 2027	Declaration window opens at 9am.
26th February 2027	Declaration window closes at 11.59pm.
31st March 2027	Deadline for ensuring the requirements of the gateway (except the PEoLC questionnaire which needed to be completed and submitted by 31st December 2026) and quality criteria have been met.
1st April 2027	Pharmacy owners will be paid their PQS payment.