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# EPA Bulletin 16 - 2026/2027 Festive calendar dates (CMI closed)

Dear training provider,

In order to support your planning for the next academic year below is early notification of CMI's Festive calendar for 2026. CMI offices close, and we do not deliver live assessments, on any Bank Holiday Date as published on the UK Government Website.

CMI offices will also be closed for the 2026/2027 Festive and New Year Break from 1330 on Wednesday 23rd December 2026 to 0900 on Monday 4th January 2027.

To support your programme planning, please find below the available Assessment Days for December 2026 and January 2027, along with the corresponding booking closure dates.

- Last available Live Assessment Date in 2026: Friday 18th December 2026
- Last request Date for Assessments in December 2026: LADs 15th November 2026
- Last request Date Assessments in January 2027: 15th December 2026.
- Last processing of Gateway submissions in 2026: Monday 21st December 2026.
- First available Live Assessment Date 2027: Wednesday 6th January 2027

Assessment deadline dates will be adjusted to take account of the statutory public holidays during the festive period, i.e. Christmas Day 25th December 2026, Boxing Day 26th December 2026, and New Year's Day 1st January 2027 ONLY.

Apprentices planning to undertake their live assessments in January 2027 should be aware that post-gateway upload deadlines may coincide with the festive period. Assessment deadlines are communicated to apprentices through automated notifications and are also accessible on the apprentice landing page on CMIAssess.

Failure to submit by the specified deadline will result in a fail grade for the EPA. Any requests for Special Consideration to extend a deadline must be submitted prior to the original deadline and only the statutory public holidays will be considered in the decision.

Please be reminded that annual leave and the apprentice's work commitments do not constitute valid reasons for granting an extension to a deadline.

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If you have any questions or issues regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [epa@managers.org.uk](mailto:epa@managers.org.uk).