

**UK NEQAS Blood Transfusion Laboratory Practice
EXERCISE PROGRAMME
APRIL 2026 TO MARCH 2027**

Pre-Transfusion Testing (PTT)

Exercise type	Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
Antibody screen/identification	26E4	20/04/2026	30/04/2026	11/05/2026
ABO/D grouping, antibody screen/identification, crossmatch and red cell RhK typing	26R5*	18/05/2026	01/06/2026	12/06/2026
Antibody screen/identification	26E6	15/06/2026	25/06/2026	03/07/2026
Antibody screen/identification	26E7**	20/07/2026	30/07/2026	07/08/2026
ABO/D grouping, antibody screen/identification, crossmatch and red cell RhK typing	26R8*	21/09/2026	05/10/2026	16/10/2026
Antibody screen/identification	26E9**	19/10/2026	29/10/2026	06/11/2026
ABO/D grouping, antibody screen/identification, crossmatch and red cell RhK typing	26R10*	16/11/2026	30/11/2026	11/12/2026
Antibody screen/identification	27E1**	18/01/2027	28/01/2027	05/02/2027
ABO/D grouping, antibody screen/identification, crossmatch and red cell RhK typing	27R2*	15/02/2027	01/03/2027	12/03/2027
Antibody screen/identification	27E3**	15/03/2027	25/03/2027	07/04/2027

*DAT samples will be sent in the same package if also subscribed to that programme

**ANT samples will be sent in the same package if also subscribed to that programme

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Feto-maternal Haemorrhage (FMH)

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
2603F	12/05/2026	19/05/2026	01/06/2026
2604F	14/07/2026	21/07/2026	31/07/2026
2605F	22/09/2026	29/09/2026	09/10/2026
2606F	10/11/2026	17/11/2026	27/11/2026
2701F	19/01/2027	26/01/2027	05/02/2027
2702F	16/03/2027	23/03/2027	06/04/2027

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ABO Titration (ABOT)

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
26ABOT2	13/04/2026	27/04/2026	11/05/2026
26ABOT3	13/07/2026	27/07/2026	07/08/2026
26ABOT4	12/10/2026	26/10/2026	06/11/2026
27ABOT1	25/01/2027	08/02/2027	19/02/2027

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Direct Antiglobulin Testing (DAT)

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
26DAT2N	18/05/2026	26/05/2026	22/06/2026
26DAT3N	21/09/2026	28/09/2026	23/10/2026
26DAT4N	16/11/2026	23/11/2026	18/12/2026
27DAT1N	15/02/2027	22/02/2027	19/03/2027

DAT samples will be distributed together with the R exercises, but constitute a separate exercise with a different closing date.

Participants in the UK will receive samples labelled DATxU, participants not in the UK will receive samples labelled DATxN

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Extended Red Cell Phenotyping (ERP)

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
26ERP2	29/06/2026	13/07/2026	07/08/2026
26ERP3	24/08/2026	07/09/2026	02/10/2026
26ERP4	23/11/2026	07/12/2026	06/01/2027
27ERP1	08/03/2027	22/03/2027	16/04/2027

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Point of Care D Typing (POCT)

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D typing	26R5B	18/05/2026	01/06/2026	12/06/2026
	26R8B	21/09/2026	05/10/2026	16/10/2026
	26R10B	16/11/2026	30/11/2026	11/12/2026
	27R2B	15/02/2027	01/03/2027	12/03/2027

PTT 4 exercise schedule

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ABO/D grouping, antibody screen/identification, crossmatch and red cell RhK typing	26R5P	18/05/2026	01/06/2026	12/06/2026
	26R8P	21/09/2026	05/10/2026	16/10/2026
	26R10P	16/11/2026	30/11/2026	11/12/2026
	27R2P	15/02/2027	01/03/2027	12/03/2027

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Red Cell Genotyping (RCG) pilot

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
26RCG2	29/06/2026	20/07/2026	17/08/2026
26RCG3	24/08/2026	14/09/2026	16/11/2026
26RCG4	23/11/2026	14/12/2026	15/02/2027
27RCG1	08/03/2027	30/03/2027	31/05/2027

Antenatal Antibody Titration (ANT) pilot

Exercise Code	Date of Dispatch	Closing date	Latest report date
26ANT3	20/07/2026	30/07/2026	19/10/2026
26ANT4	19/10/2026	29/10/2026	18/01/2027
26ANT1	18/01/2027	28/01/2027	12/03/2027
27ANT2	15/03/2027	25/03/2027	19/07/2027

ANT samples will be distributed together with selected E exercises, but constitute a separate exercise.