

PQS Piece by Piece – 25/26 Deadline Tracker

	Date	Why is this date important?	
2025	01/04/2025	PQS 25/26 starts	
		Start date for 2 criteria (Medicines Optimisation Domain):	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of a spacer in patients aged 5–15 years 2. Patients using 3 or more bronchodilators in six months 	
	01/05/2025	Aspiration payment	Aspiration payment window opens at 9am
			- The Aspiration payment is optional. If pharmacy owners do not want to claim it, it will not impact on the pharmacy owner's ability to claim a PQS payment during the declaration period
	16/05/2025		Aspiration payment window closes at 11:59pm
	01/07/2025		Aspiration payment is paid
2026	31/08/2025	Deadline to have signed up to deliver: Pharmacy First Service + Pharmacy Contraception Service to meet the Gateway criterion	
	01/09/2025	Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacy First consultation 25/26 clinical audit can be started from this date (completed no later than 31/03/26)	
	02/02/2026	Declaration window opens at 9am	
	After the PQS declaration has been made	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	
	03/02/2026	Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacy First consultation 25/26 clinical audit MUST have been started on or before this date (8 weeks until deadline 31/03/26)	
	27/02/2026	Declaration window closes at 11.59pm	
	31/03/2026	Deadline for ensuring the requirements of the quality criteria (excluding those that need to be met by the day of the declaration) have been met	
	01/04/2026	PQS payment is paid	

Adapted from CPE's PQS Workbook