

## Timetable for publication of citations information for REF 2021

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<b>September 2019</b>	Publication of service specification, service level agreement, example contextual data and guide to using contextual information
<b>October 2019</b>	Beginning of support period for HEIs using citations data within the REF submissions system pilot phase; contextual data (based on journal category but not UOA) for the pilot phase will be available from Research England, for years 2013 to 2018
<b>February 2020</b>	Beginning of SLA-monitored support period for HEIs using citations data within the REF submissions system; contextual data (based on journal category but not UOA) for the submission phase will be available from Research England, for years 2013 to 2018
<b>27 November 2020</b>	Closing date for submissions; final day for opening new support queries
<b>January 2021</b>	Contextual data (based on journal category and UOA) for the assessment phase will be available from Research England, for years 2014 to 2019

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