

Joint Commission Times Defined

Below are detailed descriptions of The Joint Commission's time requirements as of July 1, 2014.

Daily – Once a day

This is a calendar reference. Task must be completed once every calendar day.

Weekly – Once a Week – Every 7 days

This is a calendar reference. Task must be completed once every calendar week.

Monthly - Once Every 30 Days – 12 Times a Year

This is a calendar reference. Task must be completed once every calendar month.

Quarterly – Every 3 Months – 4 Times a Year

Quarterly is defined as every three (3) months, plus or minus 10 days from the month of the last test. For example, if the last test was done in May, it is due again in the month of August. There is also a grace window of 10 days on either side of the month, so the overall window of opportunity for the next test is from July 22 to September 10. This is a "per device" requirement; meaning each device must individually meet this time frame.

Semiannually – Every 6 Months – Twice a year

Semiannual is defined as every six (6) months, plus or minus 20 days from the month of the last test. For example, if the last test was done in May, it is due again in the month of November. There is also a grace window of 20 days on either side of the month, so the overall window of opportunity for the next test is from October 12 to December 20. This is a "per device" requirement; meaning each device must individually meet this time frame.

Annually – Every Year – Once a Year

Annual is defined as every twelve (12) months, plus or minus 30 days from the month of the last test. For example, if the last test was done in May, it is due again in the month of May. There is also a grace window of 30 days on either side of the month, so the overall window of opportunity for the next test is from April 1 to June 30. This is a "per device" requirement; meaning each device must individually meet this time frame.

Triennially – Once Every 3 Years – Every 36 months

Triennial is defined as every thirty-six (36) months, plus or minus 45 days from the month of the last test. For example, if the last test was done in May of 2014, it is due again in the month of May in 2017. There is also a grace window of 45 days on either side of the month, so the overall window of opportunity for the next test is from March 17 to July 15. This is a "per device" requirement; meaning each device must individually meet this time frame.