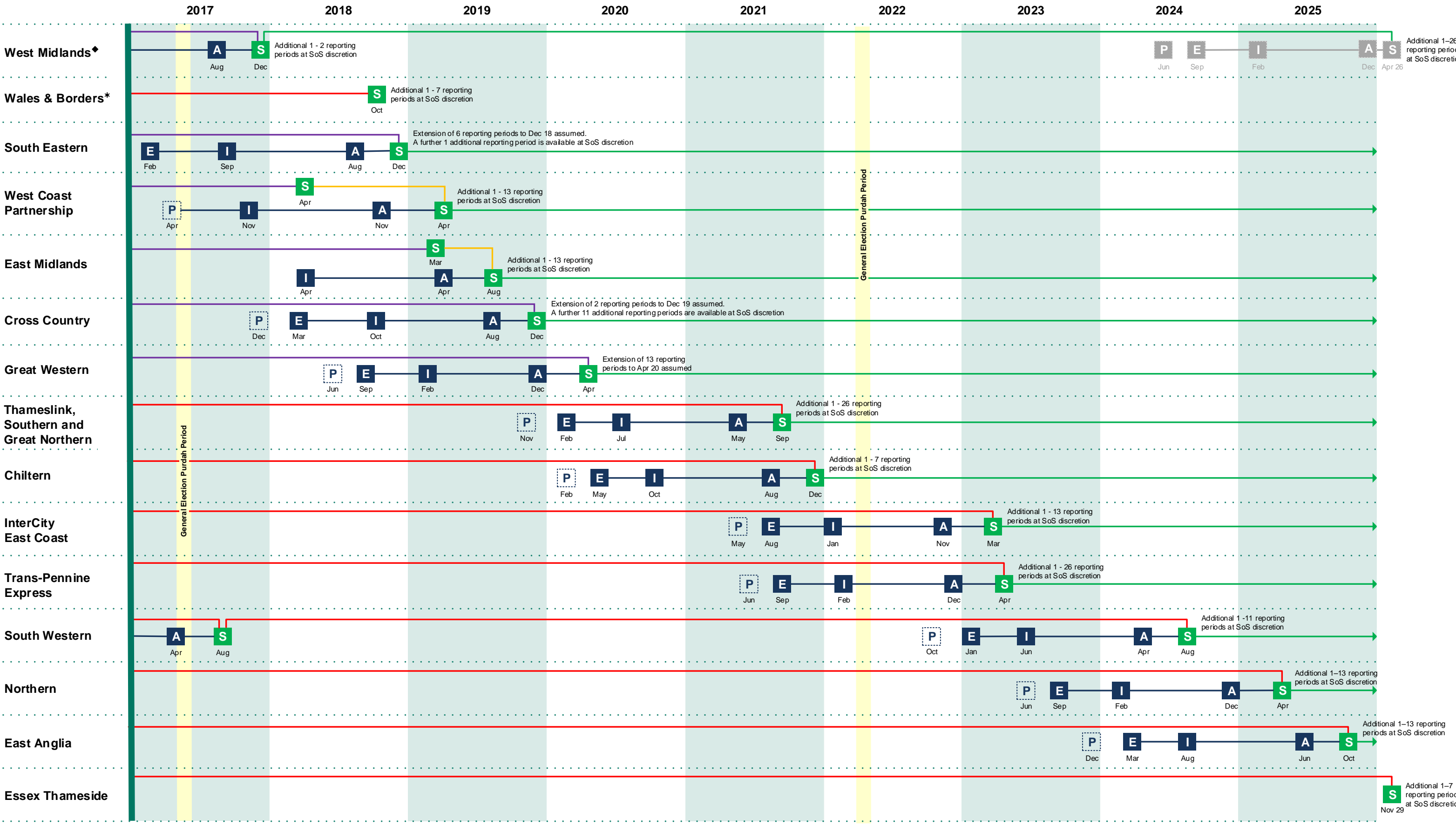


Rail Franchise Schedule

P	PQQ Passport Application Date (Deadline for non-passport holders)	Current Franchise
E	Issue of Franchise EOI	Direct Award - Contract signed
I	ITT (Invitation to Tender) Issued to Shortlisted Bidders	Direct Award - Planned
A	Contract Award	New Franchise
S	End of current Franchise Agreement Start of new Franchise Agreement	Key Deliverable process link



◆ The grey milestones indicates the potential future competition timescales based on the published ITT contract lengths.
 * The UK Government has agreed in principle to transfer franchising powers to the Welsh Government who are leading and undertaking the procurement of the next Wales and Borders Franchise.