



Exams Archiving Procedure

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Examinations Archiving Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to:

- Identify examination-related information/records held by the examinations office;
- Identify the required retention period;
- Determine the actions to be taken at the end of the retention period and method of disposal;
- Inform/supplement the Centre-wide records management policy / data retention policy

Record type	Record(s) description (where required)	Retention information/period	Action at end of retention period (method of disposal)
Access arrangements information	Any hard copy information kept by the EO relating to an access arrangement candidate.	To be returned to SENDCo as records owner at end of the candidate's final examination series.	
Alternative site arrangements	Any hard copy information generated on an alternative site arrangement. Notifications submitted online via CAP.		
Attendance register copies		Keep signed records of the seating plan, the invigilation arrangements and the centre's copies of the attendance registers for each examination. The awarding bodies may need to refer to these records. The centre must keep them until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later... (Reference ICE 12, 22)	Confidential waste/shredding
Awarding body administrative guides/manuals	Any hard copy publications provided by awarding bodies.	To be retained until the current academic year update is provided.	
Candidates' scripts	Any unwanted copies of scripts returned to the centre through the Access to Scripts (ATS) service	To be retained securely until the awarding body's earliest date for confidential disposal of unwanted scripts. <i>Where teachers have used copies of candidates' scripts for teaching and learning purposes but no longer wish to retain them, they must ensure that the scripts are disposed of in a confidential manner.</i> [Reference PRS 6] <i>... ensure that when scripts that have been returned under access to scripts arrangements are no longer required, they are disposed of in a confidential manner, but no earlier than the dates specified by the awarding bodies...</i> [Reference ICE 3,15]	Confidential disposal
Candidates' work	Non-examination assessment work (inc. controlled assessment/coursework) returned to the centre after awarding body moderation period.	To be logged on return to centre and to be immediately returned to subject staff as records owner. To be stored safely and securely along with work that did not form part of the moderation sample (including materials stored electronically) until after the deadline for RORs or the resolution of any outstanding enquiries/appeals or malpractice investigations for the exam series. [Reference GR 3, 15]	Returned to candidates or safe disposal
Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work	Any hard copy information generated or relating to consortium arrangements for centre assessed work. Applications submitted online via CAP.		
Certificates	Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.	Unclaimed/uncollected certificates to be retained securely for a minimum of 12 months from date of issue. [Reference GR 5.14]	Confidential waste/shredding

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Certificate destruction information	A record of unclaimed certificates that have been destroyed.	To be retained for 4 years from the date of certificate destruction. Destroy any unclaimed certificates after retaining them for a minimum of 12 months. They must be destroyed in a confidential manner. Centres that do not have a means of destroying certificates confidentially may return them to the respective awarding body. A record of certificates that have been destroyed should be retained for four years from their date of destruction. However, candidates should be informed that some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service. In such circumstances the awarding body will issue a Certifying Statement of Results; [Reference GR 5.14]	Confidential waste/shredding
Certificate issue information	A record of certificates that have been issued to candidates.	Distribute certificates to all candidates without delay and regardless of any disputes (such as non-payment of fees). Certificates must not be withheld without prior permission from an awarding body which will only be given in very exceptional circumstances. A record should be kept of the certificates that are issued; [Reference GR 5.14]	
Confidential materials: initial point of delivery logs	Logs recording awarding body confidential exam materials received by an authorised member of staff at the initial point of delivery and the secure movement of packages by an authorised member of staff to the secure room for transferal to the centre's secure storage facility.		
Confidential materials: receipt, secure movement and secure storage logs	Logs recording confidential exam materials received (including encrypted materials received via email or downloaded from an awarding body's secure extranet site), checked and placed in the secure storage facility by the exams officer (or other authorised member of centre staff) throughout the period the materials are confidential		
Conflicts of Interest records	Records demonstrating the management of conflicts of interest	<i>...The records may be inspected by a JCQ Centre Inspector and/or awarding body staff. They might be requested in the event of concerns being reported to an awarding body. The records must be retained until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.</i> [Reference GR 5.3]	
Entry information	Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.		

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Exam question papers	Question papers for timetabled written exams.	For confidentiality purposes question papers are not released to centre personnel for use in accordance with the above licence until after the awarding body's published finishing time for the examination or, in the case of a timetable variation, until all candidates within the centre have completed the examination. This does not restrict access to question papers by authorised centre personnel for the purpose of conducting examinations. [Reference GR 6.13]	
Exam room checklists	Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.	To be retained until the deadline for RORs or the resolution of any outstanding enquiries/appeals for the relevant exams series. [Reference ICE 6]	
Exam room incident logs	Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms.		
Exam stationery	Awarding body exam stationery provided solely for the purpose of external exams.	<i>return unused stationery to the secure storage facility or secure room until needed for a future examination. Surplus stationery must not be used for internal school tests, mock examinations and non-examination assessments... destroy confidentially any out-of-date stationery.</i> [Reference ICE 30]	Confidential disposal
Examiner reports		To be immediately provided to head of department as records owner.	
Finance information	Copy invoices for exams-related fees.	To be returned to Finance department as records owner at the end of the academic year.	
Invigilation arrangements	See <i>Exam room checklists</i>		
Invigilator and facilitator training records		A record of the content of the training given to invigilators and those facilitating an access arrangement for a candidate under examination conditions must be available for inspection and retained on file until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. (Reference ICE 12)	
Moderator reports		To be immediately provided to Head of Department as records owner.	
Moderation returns logs	Logs recording the return of candidates' work to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period		
Overnight supervision information	Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent The JCQ Overnight Supervision form is completed online using CAP. The JCQ	To be retained for JCQ inspection purposes; all completed forms available in your centre until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been	

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	Overnight Supervision Declaration form is downloaded from CAP)for signing by the candidate, the supervisor and the head of centre	completed, whichever is later. Forms may be stored electronically or in hard copy paper format and must not be sent to an awarding body, unless specifically requested; [Reference ICE 8]	
Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information	Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent	<i>Consent forms or e-mails from candidates must be retained by the centre and kept for at least six months following the outcome of the clerical re-check or review of marking or any subsequent appeal. The awarding bodies reserve the right to inspect such documentation.</i> <i>This form should be retained on the centre's files for at least six months following the outcome of the clerical re-check, review of marking or any subsequent appeal.</i> <i>This form should be retained on the centre's files for at least six months.</i> [Reference PRS 4 , plus appendix A and B]	
Post-results services: requests/outcome information	Any hard copy information relating to a post-results service request (RoRs, appeals, ATS) submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and outcome information from the awarding body.		
Post-results services: tracking logs	A log tracking to resolution all post-results service requests submitted to awarding bodies.		
Private candidate information	Any hard copy information relating to private candidates' entries.		
Proof of postage – candidates' work	Proof of postage of sample of candidates' work submitted to awarding body moderators. (Proof of postage of candidates' scripts to awarding body examiners/markers)	Will obtain proof of postage/despatch for each packet of scripts, which will be retained on the centre's files until the results are published, in case of loss or damage. (Proof of postage provides evidence that the candidates' scripts have left the centre. This is taken to indicate that the scripts were written at the appointed time and that, should the scripts not be received by the awarding body/examiner, then special consideration may be possible.) [Reference ICE 29]	
Resolving timetable clashes information	Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate's clash of timetabled exam papers		
Results information	Broadsheets of public examination results summarising candidate final grades by subject by exam series.	Records for current year plus previous 6 years to be retained as a minimum. [Reference Information Management Toolkit for Schools page 52]	

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Seating plans	Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.	To keep all signed records of the seating plan, the invigilation arrangements and the centre's copies of the attendance registers for each examination. The awarding bodies may need to refer to these records. The centre must keep until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. [Reference ICE 12]	
Special consideration information	Any hard copy information relating to a special consideration application which has been submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and signed evidence produced by a senior leader in support of the application.	<i>Where a candidate is present but disadvantaged for a timetabled written examination a proportion of cases will be sampled by an awarding body for quality assurance purposes. A centre may be asked by an awarding body to provide signed evidence, produced by a member of the senior leadership team, in support of an application. The centre must retain evidence supporting an on-line special consideration application until after the publication of results.</i> <i>Where a candidate is absent from an examination for an acceptable reason a proportion of cases will be sampled by an awarding body for quality assurance purposes. A centre may be asked by an awarding body to provide signed evidence, produced by a member of the senior leadership team, in support of an application. The centre must retain evidence supporting a candidate's absence from an examination until after the publication of results.</i> [Reference SC 6] All applications must be supported by signed evidence produced by a member of the senior leadership team. The centre must retain this evidence until after the publication of results. (Reference SC 6)	
Suspected malpractice reports/outcomes	Any hard copy information relating to a suspected or actual malpractice investigation/report submitted to an awarding body and outcome information from the awarding body.		
Transferred candidate arrangements	Any hard copy information relating to a transferred candidate arrangement. Applications submitted online via CAP.	To be retained until the transfer arrangements are confirmed by the awarding body.	
Very late arrival reports/outcomes	Any hard copy information relating to a candidate arriving very late to an exam. Reports submitted online via CAP.		