



Exams Archiving Policy

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This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that records are archived/retained in accordance with current requirements.

References in this policy to GR, ICE, SC and PRS refer to the JCQ publications **General Regulations for Approved Centres**, **Instructions for conducting examinations**, **A guide to the special consideration process** and **Post-Results Services**.

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- identify exams-related information/records held by the exams office
- identify the retention period
- determine the action required at the end of the retention period and the method of disposal
- inform or supplement the centre-wide records management policy/data retention policy

1. Access arrangements information

Record(s) description

Paper records are held in SEND regarding students with access arrangements these held in a secure cabinet and updated in according to JCQ regulations.

Retention information/period

Records returned to ALS lead/SENCo as records owner at end of the candidate's final exam series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Any duplicates used for exam purposes would be destroyed after the review of result deadline has happened.

2. Alternative site arrangements

Record(s) description

Not applicable

Retention information/period

Not applicable

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

3. Attendance register copies

Record(s) description

Seating plans (containing SEND and medical information) and attendance registers.

Retention information/period

Records are kept in accordance with the requirements of ICE, sections 12, 22 (...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...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential waste/shredding

4. Awarding body exams administration information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy publications provided by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

Records retained until the current academic year update is provided.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential waste/shredding

5. Candidates' scripts

Record(s) description

Not applicable

Retention information/period

Not applicable

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

6. Candidates' work

Record(s) description

Non-examination assessment work returned to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period.

Retention information/period

Records logged on return to the centre and 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) in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 3.15 (...store safely and securely all non-examination assessments, including controlled assessments, coursework or portfolios, retained in, or returned to, the centre until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later. This includes materials stored electronically...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Returned to candidates or safe disposal

7. Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work

Record(s) description

Not applicable

Retention information/period

Not applicable

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

8. Certificates

Record(s) description

Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.14 (...retain all unclaimed certificates under secure conditions for a minimum of 12 months from the date of issue...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential destruction

[9. Certificate destruction information](#)

Record(s) description

A record of unclaimed certificates that have been destroyed.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.14 (... 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... (Where an awarding body issues a replacement certificate, or a Certifying Statement of Results, this will provide an accurate and complete record of results for all qualifications covered by the original certificate... return any certificates requested by the awarding bodies. Certificates always remain the property of the awarding bodies.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential destruction

[10. Certificate issue information](#)

Record(s) description

A record of certificates that have been issued.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.14 (... 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...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure disposal

[11. Confidential materials: initial point of delivery logs](#)

Record(s) description

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.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[12. Confidential materials: receipt, secure movement and secure storage logs](#)

Record(s) description

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.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

13. Conflicts of interest records

Record(s) description

Records demonstrating the management of conflicts of interest.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.3 (...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.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

14. Dispatch logs

Record(s) description

Proof of dispatch of exam script packages to awarding body examiners covered by the DfE (Standards & Testing Agency) yellow label service.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

15. Entry information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

16. Exam question papers

Record(s) description

Question papers for timetabled written exams.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 31 (Releasing question papers) and GR, section 6.13 (...For confidentiality purposes question papers must not be 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...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Issued to subject staff

[17. Exam room checklists](#)**Record(s) description**

Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[18. Exam room incident logs](#)**Record(s) description**

Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms for each exam session.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[19. Exam stationery](#)**Record(s) description**

Awarding body exam stationery provided solely for the purpose of external exams.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 30 (...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.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential destruction

[20. Examiner reports](#)**Record(s) description**

Examiner Reports on units sat by students at the centre

Retention information/period

Records immediately provided to head of department as records owner.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

21. Finance information**Record(s) description**

Copy invoices for exams-related fees.

Retention information/period

Records returned to Finance department as records owner at the end of the academic year.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

22. Invigilation arrangements**Record(s) description**

Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.

Retention information/period

After the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

23. Invigilator and facilitator training records**Record(s) description**

Invigilator and facilitators training records

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 12 (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. 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.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

24. Moderator reports**Record(s) description**

Moderators reports on examination and NEA's

Retention information/period

(Where printed from electronic copy) Records immediately provided to head of department as records owner.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

[25. Moderation return logs](#)

Record(s) description

Logs recording the return of candidates' work to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period.

Retention information/period

Until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

[26. Overnight supervision information](#)

Record(s) description

The JCQ Overnight Supervision form is completed online using CAP. The JCQ Overnight Supervision Declaration form is downloaded from CAP for signing by the candidate, the supervisor and the head of centre

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 8 (...keep all completed forms available for inspection until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been 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...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[27. Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information](#)

Record(s) description

Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of PRS, section 4 plus appendix A and B (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. 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. This form should be retained on the centre's files for at least six months.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[28. Post-results services: request/outcome information](#)

Record(s) description

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.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[29. Post-results services: tracking logs](#)

Record(s) description

Logs tracking to resolution all post-results service requests submitted to awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Destruction six months following close of post results services.

[30. Private candidate information](#)

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to private candidates' entries.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[31. Proof of postage - candidates' work](#)

Record(s) description

Proof of postage/dispatch of candidates' scripts to awarding body examiners/markers. Proof of postage/dispatch of sample of candidates' work submitted to awarding body moderators.

Retention information/period

Records (proof of postage/dispatch of candidates' scripts to awarding body examiners/markers) retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 29 (Centres not involved in the secure despatch of exam scripts service... must obtain proof of postage/despatch for each packet of scripts, which must be retained on the centre's files until the results are published, in case of loss or damage. (Proof of postage will provide evidence that the candidates' scripts have left the centre. This will 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)...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[32. Resolving timetable clashes](#)

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate's clash of timetabled exam papers.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[33. Results information](#)**Record(s) description**

Broadsheets of public examination results summarising candidate final grades by subject by exam series.

Retention information/period

Records for current year plus previous 6 years retained as a minimum.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Deletion via MIS systems

[34. Seating plans](#)**Record(s) description**

Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE, section 12 (...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.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[35. Special consideration information](#)**Record(s) description**

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.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of SC, section 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.)

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[36. Suspected malpractice reports/outcomes](#)**Record(s) description**

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.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[37. Transferred candidate arrangements](#)

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a transferred candidate arrangement. Applications submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[38. Very late arrival reports/outcomes](#)

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a candidate arriving very late to an exam. Reports submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, it is suggested as good practice that exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Secure Disposal

[39. Any other records/documentation/materials](#)

Record(s) description

Not applicable

Retention information/period

Not applicable

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

[40. Any other records/documentation/materials](#)

Record(s) description

Not applicable

Retention information/period

Not applicable

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Not applicable

CHANGES 2022/2023

(Amended) Title of record type **4.** from Awarding body administrative information to **Awarding body exams administration information**

(Added) Reference to ICE, section 31 (**Releasing question papers**) as an example in the prompt information provided in the 'Retention information/period' field in record type **16.** Exam question papers

CENTRE-SPECIFIC CHANGES

Not applicable