



**Avenue**  
CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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### Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Name
Head of Centre	Jeremy Dodd
Senior leader(s)	Simon Jump Ian Campbell
Exams officer	Caroline Taylor
Other staff (if applicable)	Ellie Brackenbury Martin Watson Lareese Yearwood

This procedure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that procedures to verify the identity of all candidates that are entered for examinations or assessments at Avenue Centre for Education are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this procedure to GR and ICE refer to the JCQ publications **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

## **Purpose of the procedure**

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm that Avenue Centre for Education:

- verifies the identity of all students that it enters for examinations or assessments (GR 5.6)
- has processes in place to be satisfied that that all candidate identities have been checked (GR 5.6)
- has written procedures in place to verify the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (GR 5.9)

## **1. Process to check candidate identity**

### **Internal candidates**

The identity of students on roll at Avenue Centre for Education is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

- Internal candidates will be verified by the Senior Leadership Team and staff members present outside the exam room at the beginning of each written exam.

### **Private candidates**

The identity of students (private candidates), not on roll at a centre but who may be accepted to take examinations, must be checked by a verification process which involves photo-ID. (GR 5.6)

At Avenue Centre for Education:

- Our policy is not to accept private candidates

## **2. Procedures to verify candidate identity at the time of the examination/assessment**

Invigilators are able to establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations by following the arrangements in place to carry out adequate checks. (ICE 16.1)

The arrangements at Avenue Centre for Education are:

- The Exams' Officer ensures:
  - Invigilators are provided with Individual Student Place cards which are placed on each desk prior to the exam starting;
  - Provides seating plans for exam rooms according to JCQ and awarding body requirements. Invigilators must:
  - Follow the procedure for verifying candidate identity provided by the EO.

The following measures are also in place:

- A private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre will be asked to show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who entered/registered for the examination/assessment, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence (ICE 16.2)
- Where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes (ICE 16.3)
- Invigilators will be informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **The role of the exams office/officer**

- Through training, ensure invigilators are aware of the procedures for verifying the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (ICE 16.1)
- Prior to the examination, inform a private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre that they must show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who entered/registered for the examination/assessment, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence. (ICE 16.2)
- Inform candidates prior to their first examination that where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes and that once identification has been established, the candidate should replace, for example, their veil and proceed as normal to sit the examination (ICE 16.3)
- Prior to the beginning of the examination, brief invigilators on those candidates with access arrangements and make them aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

Additional responsibilities:

## **Changes 2023/2024**

No changes applicable

## **Centre-specific changes**