



Candidate Identification Procedure

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Role	Name
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Senior leader(s)	Laura Mackie - SENCo
Head of centre	Michael Johnson
Other staff (if applicable)	Not Applicable

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 Chulmleigh Community College 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 Chulmleigh Community College:

- verifies the identity of all candidates 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 Chulmleigh Community College is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

Identity checked through the transmission process and transfer of files from primary schools

Private candidates

The identity of 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 Chulmleigh Community College:

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 Chulmleigh Community College are:

- All candidates for each exam are called and formally identified by the Head of Centre and or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, authorised by the Head of Centre, immediately prior to the start of an exam
- Candidates are called in the order of a printed seating plan that has been generated in SIMS; using solely the registered legal name of every candidate entered / registered with the Awarding Body for that exam
- Exam Candidate Cards are put on each exam desk as per the seating plan by the invigilators prior to the exam start

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 particular 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 particular access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable