

# Exams Archiving Policy

2020/21

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

<b>Approved/reviewed by</b>	
Exams Officer	
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## 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 (where agreed)
- ▶ determine the action required at the end of the retention period and the method of disposal
- ▶ supplement the centre-wide records management 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 SENCo as records owner at end of the candidate's final exam series.	Confidential waste
Attendance register copies		To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. [Reference <a href="#">ICE</a> 6,15]	Confidential waste/shredding
Awarding body administrative information	Any hard copy publications provided by awarding bodies.	To be retained until the current academic year update is provided.	
Candidates' work	Non-examination assessment work (inc. controlled assessment, coursework, portfolios) returned to the centre after awarding body moderation.	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 EARs or the resolution of any outstanding enquiry/appeal or malpractice investigations for the exam series. [Reference <a href="#">GR</a> 3, 5]	Returned to candidates or safe disposal
Certificates		Unclaimed/uncollected certificates to be retained securely for a minimum of 12 months from date of issue within the exams office. [Reference <a href="#">GR</a> 5]	Confidential destruction
Certificate issue information	A record of certificates that have been issued to candidates.	Signed records and Post Office proof of posting [Reference <a href="#">GR</a> 5]	
Confidential materials delivery logs	A log recording confidential materials delivered by awarding bodies to the centre and issued to authorised staff.		
Dispatch logs	Proof of dispatch of exam script packages to awarding body examiners covered by the <a href="#">DfE (Standards &amp; Testing Agency) yellow label service</a>		

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Exam question papers	Question papers for timetabled written exams.	<p>Issued to teaching staff after the published finishing time of the exam and only when all candidates in the centre have completed the exam.</p> <p>Instructions issued by an individual awarding body relating to the use of question papers for vocational qualifications after the examination has taken place are followed.</p> <p>[Reference <a href="#">ICE</a> 16 and <a href="#">GR</a> 5,6]</p>	
Exam room checklists	Checklists confirming room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam room.	<p>To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.</p> <p>[Reference <a href="#">ICE</a> 6]</p>	Destroyed
Exam room incident logs	Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms.		
Exam stationery		<p>When awarding body or JCQ common stationery is considered surplus or is out-of-date it will be disposed of.</p> <p>[Reference <a href="#">ICE</a> page 4 and <a href="#">ICE</a> 23]</p>	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 retained by to Finance department as the records owner at the end of the academic year.	
JCQ publications	Any hard copy publications provided by JCQ.	To be retained until the current academic year update is provided.	
Moderator reports		To be immediately provided to head of department as records owner.	
Overnight supervision information	Copy of JCQ form <i>Timetable variation and confidentiality declaration for overnight</i>	To be retained for JCQ inspection purposes for the relevant exam series.	

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	<i>supervision</i> for any candidate eligible for these arrangements.		
Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information	Hard copy or email record of candidate consent for an EAR or ATS request to be submitted to an awarding body	EAR consent to be retained for at least six months following the outcome of the enquiry or any subsequent appeal.  ATS consent to be retained for at least six months from the date consent given.  [Reference <a href="#">PRS 4</a> , appendix A and B]	
Post-results services: requests/outcome information	Any hard copy information relating to a post-results service request (EARs, appeals, ATS) submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and outcome information from the awarding body.		
Post-results services: scripts provided by ATS service	Copies of exam scripts (or an electronic image of the script) returned to the centre by the awarding body/copies downloaded by the centre where the awarding body provides online access to scripts.	Where copies of scripts are retained by the centre, they must be securely stored (including any electronic versions) until they are no longer required.  [Reference <a href="#">PRS 6</a> ]	Confidential disposal
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 – candidate work	Proof of postage of sample of candidates' work to awarding body moderators.		
Resolving clashes information	Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate's clash of exam papers or a timetable variation.		
Results information	Broadsheets of results summarising candidate final grades by subject by exam series.	Records for current year plus previous 6 years to be retained as a minimum.	

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		[Reference <a href="#">Records Management Toolkit for Schools</a> ]	
Seating plans	Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.	To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.  [Reference <a href="#">ICE 6</a> ]	
Special consideration information	Any hard copy information relating to a special consideration request and supporting evidence submitted to an awarding body for a candidate.	Evidence supporting an on-line special consideration application and evidence supporting a candidate's absence from an exam must be kept until after the publication of results.  [Reference <a href="#">SC 6</a> ]	
Suspected malpractice reports/outcomes	Any hard copy information relating to a suspected malpractice investigation/report submitted to an awarding body and outcome information from the awarding body.		
Transfer of credit information	Any hard copy information relating to a GCE AS transfer of credit arrangement (for a legacy unitised GCE AS specification) application submitted to an awarding body for a candidate.	To be retained until the issue of the GCE A level result for the candidate.	
Transferred candidate information	Any hard copy information relating to an application for a transferred candidate arrangement submitted to an awarding body for a candidate.	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 very late arrival report submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and outcome information from the awarding body.		