



**The Kassia Academy**

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# **Exam Archiving Policy**

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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
- 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

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 exam series.	
Alternative site arrangements	Any hard copy information on an alternative site arrangement. Notifications submitted online via CAP.	To 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.	
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. You 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 <a href="#">ICE</a> 12, 22]	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' 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.  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. [Reference <a href="#">PRS</a> 6]  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...  [Reference <a href="#">GR</a> 3]	Confidential disposal

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Candidates' work	Non-examination assessment work returned to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period.	<p>To be logged on return to the centre and immediately returned to subject staff as records owner.</p> <p>To be stored safely and securely along with work that did not form part of the moderation sample (including materials stored electronically)</p> <p>...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 sample (including materials stored electronically) until any review or appeal has been completed.</p>	Returned to candidates or safe disposal
Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work	Any hard copy information relating to consortium arrangements for centre assessed work. Applications submitted online via CAP.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Certificates	Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.	Any unclaimed certificates will be retained, stored in secure exam storage, for minimum of 12 months from the date of issue.	Confidential destruction (Ensure log of certificates destroyed is kept)
Certificate destruction information	A record of unclaimed certificates that have been destroyed.	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	Confidential destruction (Ensure log of certificates destroyed is kept)

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		<p>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 remain the property of the awarding bodies at all times.</p> <p>[Reference <a href="#">GR 5</a>]</p>	
Certificate issue information	A record of certificates that have been issued.	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	
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.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
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	To 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.	Confidential destruction

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	of centre staff) throughout the period the materials are confidential		
Conflicts of Interest Records	Record demonstrating the management of conflicts of interest	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. [Reference <a href="#">GR 5</a> ]	
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>	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Entry information	Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Exam question papers	Question papers for timetabled written exams.	For confidentiality purposes question papers must not be released to centre personnel for use in accordance with the above license 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 <a href="#">GR 6</a> ]	Issued to subject staff
Exam room checklists	Checklists confirming exam room conditions and	To be retained until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal,	Confidential destruction

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	Invigilation arrangements for each exam session.	malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.	
Exam room incident logs	Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms for each exam session.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Exam stationery	Awarding body exam stationery provided solely for the purpose of external exams.	Unused stationery will be returned to the centre's secure storage facility until needed for a future examination. Surplus stationery must not be used for internal school tests, mock examinations and non-examination assessments.  Any surplus or out-of-date stationery will be confidentially destroyed.  [Reference <a href="#">ICE 30</a> ]	Confidential destruction
Examiner reports		To be immediately provided to Teacher Staff 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 Exam room checklists	To 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.	
Invigilator and facilitator training records		A record of the content of the training given to invigilators 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	Confidential destruction

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		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 <a href="#">ICE 12, 13</a> ]	
JCQ publications	Any hard copy publications provided by JCQ.	To be retained until the current academic year update is provided.	Confidential destruction
Moderator reports		Where printed from electronic copy. To be immediately provided to Teaching Staff as records owner.	Confidential destruction
Moderation returns logs	Logs recording the return of candidates' work to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Overnight supervision information	JCQ form Timetable variation and confidentiality declaration for overnight supervision for any candidate eligible for these arrangements.	Keep all completed forms available in your centre 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... [Reference <a href="#">ICE 8</a> ]	Confidential destruction
Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information	Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent	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.	Confidential destruction



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		This form should be retained on the centre's files for at least six months. [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 (RoRs, appeals, ATS) submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and outcome information from the awarding body.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Post-results services: tracking logs	Logs tracking to resolution all post-results service requests submitted to awarding bodies.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Private candidate information	Any hard copy information relating to private candidates' entries.	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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)	(Centres not involved in the secure dispatch of exam scripts service:  a) Must obtain proof of postage/dispatch 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 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.)	Confidential destruction
Resolving timetable clashes information	Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a	To be retained until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal,	Confidential destruction

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	candidate's clash of timetabled exam papers	malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.	
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.	Confidential destruction
Seating plans	Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.	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. You 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 <a href="#">ICE 12</a> ]	Confidential destruction
Special consideration information	Any hard copy information relating to a special consideration request and supporting evidence submitted to an awarding body for a candidate.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Confidential destruction

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		[Reference <a href="#">SC 6</a> ]	
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.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
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.	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Transferred candidate arrangements	Any hard copy information relating to a transferred candidate arrangement. Applications submitted online via CAP.	To 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.	Confidential destruction
Very late arrival reports/outcomes	Any hard copy information relating to a candidate arriving very late to an exam. Reports submitted online via CAP.	To 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.	Confidential destruction

