Appendix 13 - Exams Archiving Policy 2021-22

| **Record type** | **Record(s) description (where required)** | **Retention information/period** | **Action at end of retention period (method of disposal)** |
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| 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 destruction |
| 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. | Confidential destruction |
| 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 (including 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. | Returned to candidates or safe disposal |
| Certificates |  | Unclaimed/uncollected certificates to be retained securely for a minimum of 12 months from date of issue. | Confidential destruction |
| Certificate destruction information | A record of unclaimed certificates that have been destroyed. | To be retained for 4 years from the date of certificate destruction. | Confidential destruction |
| Certificate issue information | A record of certificates that have been issued to candidates. | To be retained for 4 years from the date of certificate issue. | Confidential destruction |
| Confidential materials delivery logs | A log recording confidential materials delivered by awarding bodies to the centre and issued to authorised staff. | To be retained for the relevant academic year. | Disposal |
| Confidential materials tracking logs | A log to track materials taken from or returned to secure storage throughout the time the material is confidential. | To be retained for the relevant academic year. | Disposal |
| Dispatch logs | Proof ofdispatch of exam script packages to awarding body examiners covered by the [DfE (Standards & Testing Agency) yellow label service](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dispatch-of-exam-scripts-yellow-label-service/dispatch-of-exam-scripts-guide) | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. | Disposal |
| Entry information | Any hard copy information relating to candidates’ entries. | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs 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. | Issued to teaching staff after the published finishing time of the exam and only when all candidates in the centre have completed the exam.  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. |  |
| Exam room checklists | Checklists confirming room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam room. | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. | Disposal |
| Exam room incident logs | Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms. | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. | Confidential destruction |
| Exam stationery |  | When awarding body or JCQ common stationery is considered surplus or is out-of-date it will be disposed of. | Confidential destruction |
| Examiner reports |  | To be immediately provided to head of department as 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. |  |
| 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 *Timetable variation and confidentiality declaration for overnight supervision* for any candidate eligible for these arrangements. | To be retained for JCQ inspection purposes for the relevant exam series. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | To be retained with the EAR consent for at least six months following the outcome of the enquiry or any subsequent appeal.  To be retained with the ATS consent for at least six months from the date consent given. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | Confidential destruction |
| Proof of postage – candidate work | Proof of postage of sample of candidates’ work to awarding body moderators. | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. | Disposal |
| Resolving clashes information | Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate’s clash of exam papers or a timetable variation. | To be retained until the date of the exam clash or timetable variation has passed. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | To be retained until after the deadline for EARs or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. | 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. | 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. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | Evidence supporting a malpractice investigation/report must be kept until after the publication of results. | 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. | To be retained until the issue of the GCE A level result for the candidate. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | Confidential destruction |
| 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. | To be retained for JCQ inspection purposes for the relevant exam series. | Confidential destruction |