



# SKEGNESS ACADEMY

## Exams Archiving Policy 2025-26

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations

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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. To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Alternative site arrangements	Any hard copy information generated on an alternative site arrangement. Notifications submitted online via CAP.	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.	Confidential waste/shredding
Attendance register copies	Copies of attendance registers to be held by Exams Officer.	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. 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.	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.	Confidential waste/shredding
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.  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...	Confidential waste/shredding

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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.	To be logged on return to the centre and 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 the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later (for the exam series).	Returned to candidates or Confidential waste/shredding
Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work	Any hard copy information generated or relating to consortium arrangements for centre assessed work. Applications submitted online via CAP.		
Certificates	Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.	Unclaimed/uncollected certificates to be retained securely for a minimum of 12 months from date of issue. Retained and filed securely for 10 years at ELA	Confidential waste/shredding
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. Where confidential destruction is not possible certificates will be returned 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. Candidates will be informed that some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service. In such circumstances the awarding body will issue a Certifying Statement of Results. Return any certificates requested by the awarding bodies. Certificates remain the property of the awarding bodies at all times.	Confidential waste/shredding

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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 waste/shredding
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 stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
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 of centre staff) throughout the period the materials are confidential	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Conflicts of Interest records	Records 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 5.3</a> )	

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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 stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Entry information	Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
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 licence 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 6.12</a> )	Issued to subject staff after the retention period
Exam room checklists	Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Exam room incident logs	Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms for each exam session.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Exam stationery	Awarding body exam stationery provided solely for the purpose of external exams.	Unused stationery returned to the secure storage facility or secure room until needed for a future examination. Surplus stationery must not be used for internal school tests, mock examinations and non-	Confidential waste/shredding

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		examination assessments... destroy confidentially any out-of-date stationery. (Reference ICE 30)	
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.	
Invigilation arrangements	See <i>Exam room checklists</i>		
Invigilator and facilitator training records		A record of the content of the training given to invigilators and those facilitating an access arrangement for a candidate under examination 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 ICE 12)	Confidential waste/shredding
Moderator reports		To be immediately provided to head of department as records owner.	
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 stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Overnight supervision information	The JCQ Overnight Supervision form is completed online using CAP. The JCQ Overnight Supervision Declaration form is downloaded from CAP)for signing by the candidate, the supervisor and the head of centre  Any hard copy information relating to overnight supervision arrangements. Reports submitted online via CAP.	...keep all completed forms available 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 ICE 8)	Confidential waste/shredding

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Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information	Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>	Confidential waste/shredding
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.	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. ATS consent to be retained for at least six months from the date consent given.	Confidential waste/shredding
Post-results services: tracking logs	Logs tracking to resolution all post-results service requests submitted to awarding bodies.	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. ATS consent to be retained for at least six months from the date consent given.	Confidential waste/shredding
Private candidate information	Any hard copy information relating to private candidates' entries.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Proof of postage – candidates' work	Proof of postage of sample of candidates' work submitted to awarding body moderators.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding

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	(Proof of postage of candidates' scripts to awarding body examiners/markers)		
Resolving timetable clashes information	Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate's clash of timetabled exam papers	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
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 waste/shredding
Seating plans	Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
Special consideration information	Any hard copy information relating to a special consideration application which has been submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and signed evidence produced by a senior leader in support of the application.	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. 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. [Reference SC 6]	Confidential waste/shredding
Suspected malpractice reports/outcomes	Any hard copy information relating to a suspected or actual malpractice investigation/report submitted to an awarding	Retain for inspection. To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of	Confidential waste/shredding

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	body and outcome information from the awarding body.	moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	
Transferred candidate arrangements	Any hard copy information relating to a transferred candidate arrangement. Applications submitted online via CAP.	To be stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding
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 stored safely and securely until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later.	Confidential waste/shredding