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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 Sawtry Village Academy are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this procedure to GR and ICE refer to the JCQ documents **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

Purpose of the procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm that the Academy:

- verifies the identity of all students that it enters for examinations or assessments (GR 5.6)
- has processes in place to be satisfied 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 the Academy is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

- to ask to see some official identification e.g. passport, for new students that are not transferring from another UK school.
- to ask for and obtain documentation from previous schools for all students transferring from a UK school.

Private candidates

The identity of any student who has not received any tuition at the Academy but who may be accepted to enter examinations as a private candidate will be checked by a verification process which involves photo-ID. (GR 5.6)

At the Academy:

- a copy of the private candidate's photo driving license or a copy of the photo page of their passport must be attached to the initial registration form. If they do not have a driving licence or a valid passport then exam boards have an identification form, which they need to complete and have witnessed. The candidate must bring the original of the photo ID when they attend each examination.

2. Procedure detailing how the identity of all candidates sitting examinations is confirmed

Invigilators are able to establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations in accordance with this procedure and by following the arrangements in place for them to carry out adequate checks. (ICE 16)

The process at the Academy is:

- Students are issued with ID cards prior to examinations, this displays their name, photo identification, candidate details. This must be brought with them to each examination.
- A folder is supplied in the main examination room with a copy of all examination students and photo identification.
- The exams officer and SLT member will be on hand prior to the start of the examinations to assist with identification.

The following arrangements 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. a passport or photographic driving licence (ICE 16.5)
- 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 16.6)
- Invigilators will be informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.8)

3. Roles and responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

- Through training, ensure invigilators are aware of the procedure for confirming the identity of all candidates sitting examinations (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 16.5)
- 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 16.6)
- Prior to the beginning of the examination, brief invigilators on those candidates with access arrangements and make them aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.8)

Changes 2024/2025

(Updated) References to sections of ICE 16 where these have been changed in ICE 2024-2025.

(Changed) Heading **Procedures to verify candidate identity at the time of the examination/assessment** to **Procedure detailing how the identity of all candidates sitting examinations is confirmed** to reflect the re-wording in ICE 16.1.

(Updated) Various bullet points to reflect slight wording changes in various sections of ICE 16.

Centre-specific changes

Upon review in October 2024, no centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.