

Candidate Identification Procedure Policy 2025/26

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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 The Purcell School are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

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

Purpose of the Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm that The Purcell School:

- Verifies the identity of all candidates that it enters for examinations or assessments
- Has processes in place to be satisfied that all candidate identities have been checked
- Has written procedures in place to verify the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment

1. PROCESS TO CHECK CANDIDATE IDENTITY

Internal Candidates

The identity of students on roll at The Purcell School are checked as part of the initial registration process. All Purcell students wear a lanyard showing their name and photo.

Private Candidates

The identity of candidates, not on roll at a centre but who may be accepted to take examinations, must be checked by a verification process which involves photo-ID.

At The Purcell School:

A private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the school or college must show photographic documentary evidence to prove that he/she is the same person who entered/registered for the examination/assessment, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence and have a meeting with the exams officer in advance of exam day

2. PROCEDURES TO VERIFY CANDIDATE IDENTITY AT THE TIME OF THE EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT

Invigilators are able to establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations by following the arrangements in place to carry out adequate checks. (ICE 16.1).

The arrangements at The Purcell School are:

- All candidates from The Purcell School have a desk label with their name, candidate number and photograph. (ICE 16.2)
- All students wear a lanyard showing their photo and name
- Where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate should be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they should be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes. The school will inform candidates in advance of this procedure before their first examination. (ICE 16.6)
- Once identification has been established, the candidate should replace, for example, their veil and proceed as normal to sit the examination. (ICE 16.7)
- The following measures 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. passport or photographic driving licence.
- Invigilators will be informed of access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Role of the Exams Officer

- Through training, ensure invigilators are aware of the procedures for verifying the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (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 16.6/16.7)
- 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. Every exam room will have a desk card showing a photo of the candidate with their name and candidate number.