



# Candidate Identification Procedure

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## Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Name
Exams officer	Jacqueline Meeley
Senior leader(s)	James Forbes, Neil Turner, Stacey Lander
Head of centre	Jill Sweeney
Other staff (if applicable)	Not Applicable

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 Aston Manor Academy 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 Aston Manor 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 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 Aston Manor Academy is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

- On entry in Year 7, staff involved in the admissions process liaise with and receive CTFs from primary schools
- Students who join after Year 7 must show either a birth certificate or passport, a copy of which is kept on file

### Private candidates

The identity of students (private 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. (GR 5.6)

At Aston Manor Academy:

- We only accept private candidate who are former students
- External candidates must bring photographic ID with them to each exam.

## 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 Aston Manor Academy are:

- A member of the leadership team will be present at the beginning of exams to assist with the identification of candidates.
- Each student will have a card on their desk with their name, candidate number and photograph on (where parents have given permission). This will aid invigilators with identification.

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 (ICE 16.2)
- 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 16.3)
- Invigilators will be informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

#### The role of the exams office/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 16.2)
- 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 16.3)
- 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 16.4)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

## CHANGES 2022/2023

No changes applicable

## CENTRE-SPECIFIC CHANGES

Upon review in September 2022, no centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.