



# **Candidate Identification Policy (Exams)**

Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys

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## Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Name
Head of Centre	Mr T Lawrence
Senior leader(s)	Mr K Charway Mrs K Scott
Exams officer	Mrs J Woods
Other staff (if applicable)	Mrs L Crowley

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 Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys 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 Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys:

- 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**

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(GR 5.6) The process is undertaken by staff at the school.

### **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 Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys:

- Our policy is not to accept private candidates. However, we do allow Year 13 students an opportunity to resit the following year. If this is the case, we still ask for photo identification.

## **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 Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys are:

- Before the start of all examinations a senior member of staff will go to all the warm up venues to verify the identity of all candidates to ensure that everyone is accounted for.  
All students have lanyards on their person with their photo and name. When they are seated they have names on their desks.

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 2023/2024**

No changes applicable

## **Centre-specific changes**

Upon review in October 2023, no centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.