

# **Bromley Adult Education College**

# Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures (externally assessed) 2024-25

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# Key staff involved in the procedure

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These procedures are reviewed and updated annually to ensure that Bromley Adult Education College deals with candidates' requests for access to scripts, clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals to the awarding bodies in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

Reference in these procedures to GR and PRS refer to the JCQ documents **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Post-Results Services**.

#### Introduction

Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available. The JCQ post-results services for currently available for **GCSEs** are detailed below.

#### Access to scripts (ATS):

- Copies of scripts to support reviews of marking
- Copies of scripts to support teaching and learning

#### **Reviews of results (RoRs):**

- Service 1 (Clerical re-check) This is the only service that can be requested for multiple choice tests
- Service 2 (Review of marking) This service is available for externally assessed components of both unitised and linear GCE A-level specifications, GCSE specifications and Level 1, 2 Vocational and Technical qualifications
- Priority Service 2 (Review of marking) This service is available for externally assessed components of both unitised and linear GCE A-level specifications and Level 3 Vocational and Technical qualifications
- Service 3 (Review of moderation) This service is not available to an individual candidate

#### Appeals:

• The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results.

#### **Purpose of the procedures**

The purpose of these procedures is to confirm how Bromley Adult Education College deals with candidates' requests for access to scripts, clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals to the awarding bodies in compliance with JCQ regulations (GR 5.13).

Details of these procedures are made widely available and accessible to all candidates by email, and shared on the college website.

## The arrangements for post-results services

- Candidates must be made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results (GR 5.13)
- A review of moderation cannot be undertaken upon the work of an individual candidate or the work of candidates not in the original sample (PRS 4.3)
- The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results (PRS 5.1)

At Bromley Adult Education College:

- Candidates are made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results
- Candidates are also informed of the periods during which senior members of centre staff will be available/accessible immediately after the publication of results so that results may be discussed, and decisions made on the submission of reviews of marking (GR 5.13, PRS 4.1)

Full details of the post-results services, internal deadline(s) for requesting a service and the fees charged (where applicable) are provided by the qualifications officer.

#### **Dealing with requests**

- All post-results service requests from internal candidates must be made through the centre (GR 5.13)
- At Bromley Adult Education College the process to request a service is to contact the qualifications officer or head of centre who will discuss the process with the candidate

#### **Candidate consent**

• Candidates must provide their **written consent** for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, and any subsequent appearl, and access to scripts services offered by the awarding bodies **after** the publication of examination results (GR 5.13)

Bromley Adult Education College will:

- Acquire written candidate consent (accepting informed consent via candidate email) in all cases before a request for a clerical re-check, a review of marking, and any subsequent appearl, or an access to scripts service is submitted to the awarding body
- Acquire informed candidate consent to confirm the candidate understands that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded following a clerical re-check or a review of marking, and any subsequent appeal, may be lower than, higher than, or the same as the result which was originally awarded
- Only collect candidate consent after the publication of results
- Retain consent forms or e-mails from candidates for at least six months following the outcome of a clerical re-check or review of marking or any subsequent appeal (PRS 4.2)
- Retain consent/permission forms or e-mails from candidates to request and use their scripts for at least six months (PRS Appendix B)

#### Submitting requests

Bromley Adult Education College will:

- Submit requests electronically for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and access to scripts by the published deadline(s) in accordance with the JCQ publication **Post-results services** (GR 5.13)
- Submit requests for appeals in accordance with the JCQ document **A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes** (GR 5.13)
- Submit requests for post-results services/appeals with other Awarding Bodies as per their regulations
- Confirm the awarding body's acknowledgement of receipt of a review of results request prior to the deadline for submission of post-results services and regularly check the progress of the request online (PRS 4.5)

#### **Dealing with outcomes**

Bromley Adult Education College will:

- Ensure outcomes of clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals are made known to candidates as soon as possible (GR 5.13)
- Candidates will be notified by email

**Managing disputes** 

At Bromley Adult Education College any dispute/disagreement will be managed by the Head of Centre, following the *Internal Appeals Procedure (Reviews of results and appeals)* 

Appeals relating to other awarding body externally marked assessments/work

Any appeals relating to externally marked assessments/work not covered by the above, should contact the qualifications officer.

Appeals relating to internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks)

Any appeals relating to internal assessment decisions e.g. portfolios, internally assessed work, should be referred to BAEC's Internal Appeals Procedure (Internal assessment decisions) 2024-25

Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration

Any appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration should be referred to BAEC's Internal Appeals Procedure (Access arrangements, special consideration and other administrative issues) 2024-25

# Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to other administrative issues

Any appeals regarding centre decisions relating to other administrative issues should be referred to BAEC's Internal Appeals Procedure (Access arrangements, special consideration and other administrative issues) 2024-25

### The Appeals Procedure

- 1. Appeals should be made as soon as possible after the result of the assessment has been issued. Appeals will not be accepted more than 14 days after the issue of result of the assessment.
- 2. Appeals should be made in writing, or by email, stating details of the complaint and the reasons for the appeal, to the qualifications' officer, who will investigate the appeal with the Head of Centre. If a candidate cannot make a written, or email appeal for any reason, they should speak, in the first instance to the qualifications officer.
- 3. The purpose of the appeal is to decide whether the assessment conformed to awarding organisation requirements and the JCQ code of practice.
- 4. The qualifications officer, Head of Centre and relevant course tutor will discuss whether the candidate has a valid case for appeal. Where appropriate photocopies of original scripts will be requested from the awarding organisation and reviewed, alongside the candidate's previous work and any other material available. The candidate will be informed, in writing, of the outcome of this initial review.
- 5. If the College agrees with the learner and proceeds to formal appeal the relevant awarding body will be contacted and their appeal process will start.
- 6. If the college does not agree to a formal appeal the reasons will be explained, in writing, to the candidate.
- 7. If the candidate is not satisfied with the outcome of the appeal they may follow the procedures outlined in BAEC's Internal Appeals Procedure.
- 8. The College will keep written records of any appeals. This will include the outcome of the appeal and the reason for the outcome. A copy will be sent to the candidates within 14 days of the appeal, or 14 days of the hearing.