

Internal Appeals Procedure

1. Appeals procedure against internal assessment decisions

Reaseheath College is committed to ensuring that internal assessments are marked and administered fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body specifications and subject-specific associated documents.

This is ensured by:

- Subject staff having the necessary and appropriate knowledge, understanding, skills, and training in this activity
- Subject staff authenticating candidates' work according to the requirements of the relevant awarding body
- A process of internal moderation and standardisation led by nominated staff

An appeal against internal assessment decisions can be made, based on the above not being fulfilled.

All appeals must follow the procedure detailed below.

Note - *appeals may only be made against the marking/assessment process not against the mark submitted by the centre for moderation by the awarding body.*

1. Appeals should be made as early as possible and **at least two weeks before** the end of the last externally assessed paper in the examination series (e.g. the last GCSE written paper in the summer exam series).
2. Appeals should be made using the **internal appeals form** completed by the candidate (or parent/carer where appropriate).
3. The head of centre will appoint a member of the senior leadership team, who has no involvement in the assessment process for that subject to conduct the investigation.
4. The purpose of the appeal will be to decide whether the process used for the internal assessment conformed to the published requirements as detailed in the awarding body specification(s) and/or subject-specific associated documents.
5. The appellant will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including any relevant correspondence with the awarding body and any changes made to internal assessment procedures.
6. The outcome of the appeal will be made known to the head of centre and will be logged as a complaint. A written record will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request. Should the appeal bring any significant irregularity in procedures to light, the awarding body will be informed.

After candidates' work has been internally assessed, it is moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency in marking between centres. The moderation may lead to mark changes. This process is outside the control of Reaseheath College and is not covered by this procedure.

2. Appeals procedure against centre decisions not to support an enquiry about results

Following the issue of results, the general qualification awarding bodies offer post-results services. Full details of these services, internal deadlines for requesting a service and fees charged will be provided by the Student Examinations Manager.

The service, *enquiries about results* (EARs), may be requested by centre staff or candidates (or their parents/carers where appropriate) if there are reasonable grounds for believing there has been an error in marking.

If a query is raised about a particular examination result, the Student Examinations Manager, teaching staff and head of centre will investigate the feasibility of requesting an enquiry at the centre's expense.

When Reaseheath College does not uphold a request from a candidate, the candidate may pay the appropriate fee, and a request will be made to the awarding body on the candidate's behalf.

If the candidate (or their parent/carer where appropriate) believes there are grounds to appeal against the centre's decision not to support an enquiry, an appeal can be submitted to the centre using the **internal appeals form** at least **one week prior to** the internal deadline for submitting an EAR.

3. Appeals procedure following the outcome of an enquiry about results

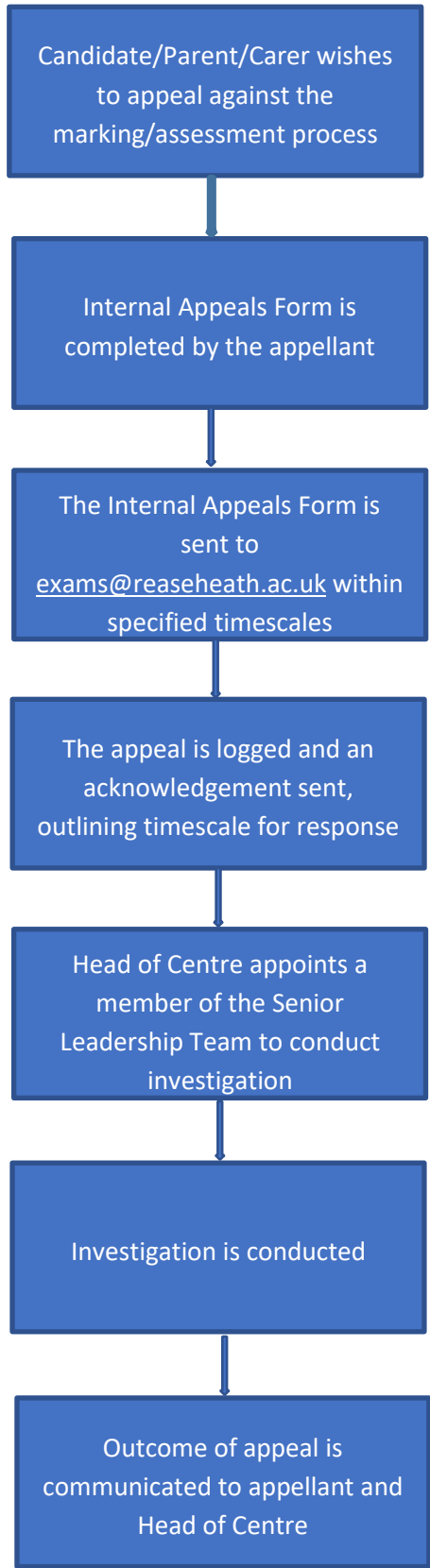
Where the head of centre remains dissatisfied after receiving the outcome of an EARs, an appeal will be made to the awarding body, following the guidance in the JCQ publications *Post-results services* <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/post-results-services> and *A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes* <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/appeals>

Where the head of centre is satisfied after receiving the outcome of an EAR, but the internal candidates and/or their parents/carers (where appropriate) are not satisfied, they may make a further representation to the head of centre. Following this, the head of centre's decision as to whether to proceed with an appeal will be based upon the centre's internal appeals arrangements. Candidates, parents/carers are not permitted to make direct representations to an awarding body.

The **internal appeals form** should be completed and submitted to the centre within **10 calendar days** of the notification of the outcome of the enquiry. Subject to the head of centre's decision, this will allow the centre to process the appeal and submit to the awarding body within the required 14 calendar days. Awarding body fees which may be charged for the appeal must be paid by the appellant on submission on the internal appeals form. If the appeal is upheld by the awarding body, this fee will be refunded by the awarding body and repaid to the appellant by the centre.

Flowchart Illustrating the Internal Appeals Procedure Process

The below flowchart shows each level of the process when an Internal Appeal is submitted:



Internal appeals form

This form should be completed in all cases to lodge an appeal.

Please tick to indicate what the appeal is against:

- an internal assessment decision
 the centre decision not to support an enquiry about results
 the outcome of an enquiry about results

Name of appellant		Candidate name <i>if different to appellant</i>	
Awarding body		Unit/module/exam paper code	
Subject		Unit/module/exam paper title	

Please state the grounds for your appeal below:

Continue overleaf if necessary

Appeal against an internal assessment decision

Appellant declaration

By signing here, I am confirming I understand the purpose of the appeal will be to decide whether the process used for the internal assessment conformed to the published requirements of the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents. I also understand the appeal may only be made against the marking/assessment process not against the mark submitted by the centre for moderation by the awarding body.

Signature:

Date of signature:

Appeal against the centre decision not to support an enquiry about results Appellant declaration

By signing here, I am confirming I feel there are grounds to appeal against the centre's decision.

Signature:

Date of signature:

Appeal against the outcome of an enquiry about results

Appellant declaration

By signing here, I am confirming I understand that the grounds for my appeal must relate to the awarding body's procedures or the application of the post-result service procedures. I also understand that appeals do not generally involve further reviews of marking candidates' work. I also confirm that I will pay in advance any fees which may be charged by the awarding body for the appeal. I understand this fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Signature:

Date of signature:

The appellant declaration against the relevant appeal must be signed, dated and returned to the EO exams@reaseheath.ac.uk, on behalf of the head of centre, to the timescale indicated in the internal appeals procedure.

The internal appeals procedures for Reaseheath College have been produced to demonstrate compliance with the following:

JCQ General Regulations for approved centres <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/general-regulations>

Controlled Assessments, Coursework, Non-Examination Assessments and Portfolios of Evidence

5.7 The centre agrees to have in place, and **be available for inspection purposes**, a **written** internal appeals procedure relating to internal assessment decisions and to ensure that details of this procedure are communicated, made widely available and accessible to all candidates;

Post-Results Services and Appeals

5.13 The centre agrees to

have available for inspection purposes and draw to the attention of candidates and their parents/carers, a **written** internal appeals procedure to manage disputes when a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support a clerical check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or appeal;

JCQ Post-results services <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/post-results-services>

4.4.5 Submission of requests

Centres **must** have in place a published formal appeals procedure for use in cases where centres and candidates, or their parents/carers, cannot agree as to whether a review of marking should be submitted. The formal appeals procedure **must** be made widely available. Centres **must** therefore draw the appeals procedure to the attention of candidates and their parents/carers. In deciding whether to support a review of marking, centres should take account of all relevant factors and afford candidates or their parents/carers a reasonable opportunity to express their views. **As regards internal candidates, awarding bodies can only enter into discussions over post-results services with centres. Awarding bodies will accept requests for post-results services directly from private candidates where the centre refuses to submit the request on the private candidate's behalf.**

5. Appeals

Centres **must** have in place a published formal appeals procedure for use in cases where centres and candidates, or their parents/carers, cannot agree as to whether an appeal should be submitted to the relevant awarding body. The formal appeals procedure **must** be made widely available. Centres **must** therefore draw the appeals procedure to the attention of candidates and their parents/carers. In deciding whether to support an appeal, centres should take account of all relevant factors and afford candidates or their parents/carers a reasonable opportunity to express their views. **In relation to internal candidates, awarding bodies can only enter into discussions over appeals with centres. Awarding bodies will accept appeals directly from private candidates where the centre refuses to submit the appeal on the private candidate's behalf.**

JCQ A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/appeals>

48. Candidates, whether internal or private candidates, and/or their parents/carers are not entitled to appeal directly to the awarding body. Representations must be made to the head of centre where the candidate was entered or registered. The head of centre's decision as to whether to proceed with an appeal is subject to the centre's internal appeals arrangements.

Appellants should consult the full information in the above publications to be fully informed when stating their grounds for appeal.

Further information can be obtained from:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination-assessments>

<http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/coursework> <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-exam-result>

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/appeals>

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