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JCQ statement: Special Consideration

Dr Jim Sinclair, Director of JCQ, said:

"Candidates may be eligible for Special Consideration if they have been fully prepared and covered the whole course but performance in the examination is affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control such as a recent bereavement, serious accident or illness.

"The maximum allowance given is 5% of the total raw marks and this is reserved for the most exceptional cases such as terminal illness of the candidate or a recent death of a member of the immediate family. All applications submitted by schools and colleges for Special Consideration must be supported by appropriate evidence."

Ends.

Notes

1. The JCQ consists of AQA, CCEA, City & Guilds, Edexcel, OCR, SQA, and WJEC, the seven largest providers of qualifications in the UK, offering GCSE, GCE AEA, Scottish Highers, Entry level, Vocational and Vocationally-related qualifications.
2. The JCQ was established in January 2004 and supersedes the Joint Council for General Qualifications (JCGQ, 1998-2003). The JCQ has been formed to enable the member awarding bodies to act together in
 - Providing, wherever possible, common administrative arrangements for the schools and colleges and other providers which offer their qualifications;
 - Dealing with the regulators; in responding to proposals and initiatives on assessment and the curriculum;
 - Dealing with the media on issues affecting all member Bodies.