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JCQ statement: Access Arrangements

Dr Jim Sinclair, Director of JCQ, said:

“The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requires that all candidates taking examinations have fair access to assessment. Access arrangements are not there to give candidates an unfair advantage, but to put all candidates on a level playing field on which to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding.”

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.