



Joint Council for
Qualifications^{CIC}

Information for centres affected by RAAC – the delivery of non-examination assessments and the special consideration process

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Non-examination assessments (NEA)

If a school or college cannot deliver assessments because they no longer have access to specialist equipment or facilities, they should review their contingency plan and make alternative arrangements to provide access to appropriate facilities wherever possible. If they are unable to make suitable alternative arrangements, schools and colleges should contact the relevant awarding body for guidance.

Awarding bodies may be able to grant extensions to mark submission deadlines. For unitised qualifications it may be possible for candidates to take the assessment in a future assessment opportunity.

Special consideration

Special consideration is given to a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of the assessment. Candidates will only be eligible for special consideration if they have been fully prepared and have covered the whole course but their performance in the examination, or in the production of controlled assessments, coursework or non-examination assessment (NEA), is materially affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control.

Candidates **are not** eligible for special consideration if preparation for, or performance in the examination/assessment, is affected by building work or lack of facilities. Therefore, special consideration **will not** be awarded to all candidates in schools and colleges affected by RAAC as a standard arrangement.

If a candidate has an existing condition and completing examinations or assessments in a different location has a significant and adverse effect, which exacerbates their condition, they may be eligible for special consideration. Their school or college should submit an application for special consideration by the relevant deadline.

Where a candidate encounters disruption at the time of the examination/assessment, for example an issue arises at the alternative site where the examination/assessment is being conducted, they may be eligible for special consideration. Their school or college should submit an application for special consideration by the relevant deadline.

In either scenario, please see the JCQ document, *A guide to the special consideration process*, for details.

If candidates cannot access specialist facilities or equipment to complete work during a preparation period before the final assessment, they may be eligible for special consideration. Their school or college should submit an application for special consideration by the relevant deadline. Please see the JCQ document, *A guide to the special consideration process*, for details.