



Certificate Issue Procedure and Retention Policy

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Key staff involved in the procedure/policy

Role	Name
Exams officer	Mrs Vicky Middleton
Senior leader(s)	Not Applicable
Head of centre	Mrs Rebecca Alexander
Other staff (if applicable)	Not Applicable

This procedure/policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that certificates at The Piggott School are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

Reference in the procedure/policy to **GR** relates to relevant sections of the current JCQ publication **General Regulations for Approved Centres**.

Introduction

Certificates are provided by awarding bodies after examination results have been confirmed. Certificates always remain the property of the awarding bodies.

Purpose of the procedure/policy

The purpose of this procedure/policy is to confirm how The Piggott School issues examination certificates to candidates and the policy for the retention of any unclaimed/uncollected certificates in compliance with JCQ regulations.

Issue of certificates

The Piggott School will:

- distribute certificates to all candidates without delay and regardless of any disputes (GR 5.14)
- not withhold any certificate without prior permission from the relevant awarding body which will only be given in very exceptional circumstances (GR 5.14)
- keep a record of the certificates that are issued (GR 5.14)
- return any certificates requested by the awarding bodies as certificates always remain the property of the awarding bodies (GR 5.14)

The receipt of certificates from awarding bodies and arrangements for the issue of certificates to candidates is managed by Mrs Vicky Middleton, Exams Officer.

Arrangements for the issue of certificates

- Certificates are provided to exam centres by awarding bodies after results have been confirmed.
- Should the pandemic continue to require mitigation procedures such that we are unable to hold an awards event, examination certificates must be collected from The Piggott School Reception in person by prior arrangement.
- Candidates are required to check all details (name, date of birth, etc) on their certificates are correct and that the correct final grade(s) is/are shown.
- Candidates will be required to provide a signed confirmation of certificate(s) accuracy and receipt.
- Certificates must be collected by the published deadline.
- The Piggott School is unable to issue certificates via post.

Candidates are informed of the arrangements for the issue of certificates as follows:

- Certificate collection dates will be shared along with the candidate statement of results slip.
- Certificates are not released prior to the pre-arranged dates.
- Certificates not collected are retained for 12 months and can be collected by candidates or their pre-authorised representative. After this time, you will need to contact the awarding body to purchase a replacement, this will be at your own expense.

Where unable to claim/collect certificates under the normal arrangements

- Candidates may arrange for certificates to be collected on their behalf by providing the Exams Officer with written or email permission/authorisation; authorised persons must provide ID evidence on collection of certificates.
- The Piggott School is unable to issue certificates via post.

Record of issued certificates

- The Exams Officer will keep a record of all certificates issued and signed for.

Additional information:

- Not applicable

Retention of certificates

The Piggott School will:

- retain all unclaimed certificates under secure conditions for a minimum of 12 months from the date of issue (GR 5.14)
- destroy any unclaimed certificates after retaining them for a minimum of 12 months (GR 5.14)
- destroy certificates in a confidential manner or may return them to the respective awarding body (GR 5.14)
- retain a record of certificates that have been destroyed for four years from their date of destruction (5.14)
- (where applicable) inform candidates that some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service and in such circumstances the awarding body will issue a Certifying Statement of Results which will provide an accurate and complete record of results for all qualifications covered by the original certificate (GR 5.14)

The retention of unclaimed or uncollected certificates is managed by • Mrs Vicky Middleton, Exams Officer.

Retention policy

Not Applicable

Additional information:

Not Applicable