

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM 2026/27

To comply with the regulations, the centre is required to manage conflicts of interest¹ by informing the awarding bodies (before the published deadline for entries for each examination series) of:

- any members of centre staff who are taking qualifications at their own centre which include internally assessed components/units
- any members of centre staff who are teaching and preparing members of their family (which includes step-family, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter) for qualifications which include internally assessed components/units,
- This requirement also applies to staff conducting internally or externally assessed Speaking, Listening or Oracy components and units, **and**

maintains internal records of all instances where:

- and records the actions taken to manage and mitigate any identified conflict of interest
- exams office staff have members of their family (which includes step-family, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter) being entered for examinations and assessments either at the centre itself or other centres
- centre staff are taking qualifications at their own centre which **do not** include internally assessed components/units
- centre staff are taking qualifications at other centres

To ensure compliance with JCQ requirements, all staff must complete and return this form annually, including where no conflict of interest exists. Please tick all statements that apply to you and complete the relevant sections.

Your name		Your job title(s)/role(s)	
Subject(s) you teach (if applicable to your role)			

Please tick any statement(s) that applies/to you (or will apply to you during the **2026/27** academic year) and complete the required information

- ☐ I am taking a qualification(s) at this centre which includes an internally assessed component/unit

Qualification(s) I am taking	Awarding body	Qualification type	Specification (Subject)
Steps I have taken to seek another centre at which to take the qualification(s)			

¹ (Guidance for Centres on Managing Conflicts of Interest) The conflict of interest process is designed to protect the integrity of the exams system and also helps to ensure that staff members at centres are protected if there is an allegation of malpractice due to a perceived, or real, conflict.

- ☐ I am teaching and preparing a member of my family (which includes step-family, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter) for a qualification(s) which includes an internally assessed component/unit
(Where more than one related person, please complete a separate form)

Name of related person (the candidate)			
Candidate number			Relationship to me
Qualification(s) being taught and prepared for	Awarding body	Qualification type	Specification (Subject)

- ☐ I am a member² of exams office staff and have a member of my family (which includes step-family, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter) being entered for examinations and assessments at this centre or another centre
(Where more than one related person, please complete a separate form)

Name of related person (the candidate)			
Where the candidate is being entered		£ This centre £ Another entering centre (tick box as applies)	
Candidate number (if this centre)			Relationship to me
Entering centre name (if not this centre)			Entering centre number (if known)

- ☐ I am taking a qualification at this centre which does not include internally assessed components/units
- ☐ I am taking a qualification at another centre

Qualification(s) I am taking	Awarding body	Qualification type	Specification (Subject)	Exam series
Entering centre name			Entering centre number (if known)	

- ☐ I have none of the above statements to declare

CENTRE USE ONLY – CONFLICT OF INTEREST RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

Conflict identified:

Mitigation measures to be implemented:

² This would also include the head of centre and member(s) of the senior leadership team who are responsible for examination administration

- ☐ Alternative assessor/internal verifier appointed
- ☐ Alternative moderator/reviewer appointed
- ☐ Staff member removed from assessment decisions
- ☐ Restricted access to confidential examination materials
- ☐ Additional monitoring by Head of Centre/Exams Officer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Date mitigation agreed: _____

Approved by Head of Centre: _____

Date declaration(s) made: _____ Signature to confirm declaration(s): _____

This completed form (including date and signature) must be returned to [insert] by [insert]

The declaration(s) you have provided will be used to inform the relevant awarding body/bodies (where required) and to maintain internal records detailing the measures taken to mitigate any potential risk to the integrity of the qualifications affected. You will be informed if/where any measures or protocols put in place directly affect you.

FOR HEAD OF CENTRE/EXAMS OFFICER USE ONLY

Date	Action
	Completed Declaration form received
	Declaration(s) recorded on Conflicts of Interest (COI) log
	Risk assessment completed and mitigation measures approved by Head of Centre
	Awarding body/bodies informed of specific COI (where applicable)
	Staff member informed of measures/protocols in place to manage the risk represented by the COI