

Suspected Candidate Malpractice in Summer 2021

Given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, WJEC recognises all the genuine hard work that students have put in to support the evidence needed by teachers to determine their grades this summer.

The decision to not go ahead with exams in Summer 2021 means that the assessment arrangements are different. Unfortunately, malpractice can still occur with the new arrangements through genuine error or by a student who might attempt to undermine the grading process.

Students might attempt to gain an unfair advantage during the centre's assessment process, for example, by breaching the conditions of the assessments or by submitting work which is not their own. Although not intended as an exhaustive list, the following are examples of suspected malpractice by students this year:

- Not following the instructions or conditions surrounding the assessment
- The introduction of unauthorised material into the assessment, including:
 - Notes
 - Access to restricted resources via the internet
 - Mobile phones, smart watches, and other restricted devices
- An attempt to influence grade decisions by applying pressure on a school or college and their staff.
- An attempt to influence a teachers' judgement about the grades by other inappropriate means.

In most cases we acknowledge that students will conduct themselves with integrity. However, incidents of suspected malpractice should be reported to WJEC. The assessment in question may be disregarded as evidence to support a grade.