

FAQs- October/November 2020 exam series

Introduction:

In agreement with the Ministry of Education, the following procedures will be endorsed as of (12 October 2020) and will apply to all exams within the UK international Curriculum including checkpoint (primary and lower secondary), IGCSE/GCSE/O-Level and A-Level.

What if candidates/staff test positive for Covid-19 during the examination period?

In case a candidate/staff tested positive for Covid-19, the British Council will follow agreed directives from the Ministry of Education. Accordingly, a confirmed case should be in self-isolation for 14 days. At the end of that period, the candidate/staff is no longer to submit a negative PCR test in order to sit for the remaining exams.

What if candidate/staff is in direct contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case outside the exam venue?

In case a candidate/staff reported being in direct contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case, the candidate/staff should monitor their health condition for any symptoms. Only candidates/staff with symptoms will be required to take PCR test to attend an exam.

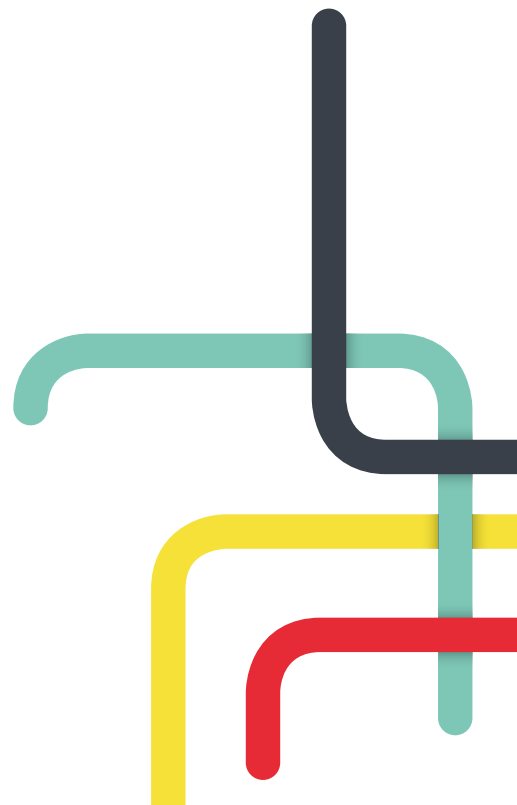
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What if candidate/staff reports being in direct contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case inside the exam venue?

In case a candidate/staff reported being in direct contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case, the candidate/staff should monitor their health condition for any symptoms. Only candidates/staff with symptoms will be required to take PCR test to attend an exam.

The exam venue will be required to carry out deep cleaning and sanitisation for the affected area within 24 hours of the case being detected.

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What if the Government of Jordan announces new restrictions/ lockdown on movement?

The British Council will follow agreed directives from the Ministry of Education to issue permits throughout the examination period to ensure candidates and staff can still attend the exam sitting at the assigned exam venue.

What happens to my child/candidate if they miss an exam due to a positive Covid-19 test??

Our UK Examining Board partners are responsible for policies regarding the awarding of qualifications. Students who miss an exam will be asked by the UK examination Board to go through the «Special Considerations» process, which is a post-exam adjustment made to a candidate's mark, by an awarding body, to make allowances for some adverse circumstances. Further information for candidates will be provided by the relevant Examining Board.

Why can't candidates testing positive for Covid-19 attend the exam in an isolated venue?

Our number one priority is to ensure the health and safety of our candidates, their families, school administrations, invigilators and other staff. Allowing students to sit for exams while testing positive means we cannot fulfil this commitment to health and safety, even if precautions are put in place within the isolated venue.

Together with our partners, we aim to deliver UK examination services to the highest professional standards and to follow the policies and guidelines of the Government of Jordan regarding Covid-19. To intentionally put people at risk – by allowing candidates with positive tests to sit exams – would undermine the reputation and integrity of all parties – Ministry of Education, Exam Boards, and the British Council - and the trust that parents have in our commitment to their children's health and safety.

