

Examination Exceptional Circumstances

Extracts from SQA guidance for schools:

The Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) supports candidates who are either:

- unable to attend the exam or prevented from completing the exam due a personal circumstance outwith their control (such as a medical issue) or
- affected during the exam by a disruption,
- or other examination circumstance, reported by the chief invigilator.

The service is not available to candidates who have completed the timetabled exam, even if they feel they have underperformed due to a personal circumstance.

Candidates who have underperformed relative to their estimate will be eligible for the 2022 appeals service.

Outline reason	Detailed reason
Personal circumstance	Bereavement Medical condition Domestic circumstance Exceptional absence COVID-related absence
Examination circumstance	Examination arrangements Disruption

Should the candidate sit the exam?

We would always encourage candidates to attempt the exam where possible. Candidates who have underperformed relative to their estimate will be eligible for the 2022 appeals service.

What about exam stress, distraction, and loss of concentration?

During an exam, most candidates will suffer from nerves, and there are likely to be minor distractions from inside and outside the room. These are not valid exceptional circumstance reasons.

Information regarding the Appeals process will be posted following the publication of SQA results in August