

## Special Consideration Policy

### Introduction

**Special consideration is an action taken after an assessment to allow students who have been disadvantaged by temporary illness, injury, indisposition or adverse circumstances at the time of the assessment to demonstrate attainment.**

### Scope of policy

Special consideration will not give unfair advantage over students for whom special consideration is not being applied or alter the assessment demands of the qualification as detailed in the applicable Specification.

A student may be eligible for special consideration if:

- Performance in an assessment is affected by circumstances beyond the control of the candidate. This may include recent personal illness, accident, bereavement or examination room conditions;
- Alternative assessment arrangements which were agreed in advance of the assessment proved inappropriate or inadequate;
- The application of special consideration would not mislead the user of the certificate as to the student's attainment.

Please note that WSET Awards do not offer 'Aegrotat' awards and that all assessment requirements of WSET qualifications must be met.

### Applying for special consideration

WSET School London must submit a **Special Consideration Application Form** to WSET Awards within **7 working days** of the assessment date for which special consideration is being sought. Eligibility will only be considered if accompanied by supporting independent documentation.

In cases of serious disruption during the examination, the Examinations Officer must submit a detailed report of the circumstances and students affected to WSET Awards. This must be returned with the completed examination papers.

WSET School London will keep records of all applications for special consideration.