

British Safety Council Special Consideration Policy



Special consideration

Special consideration may be given to a learner who has temporarily experienced an illness or injury, or some other event outside of his or her control, which has materially affected the learner's ability to demonstrate his or her level of attainment in an assessment

Circumstances in which special consideration may be applied include recent illness or injury, bereavement, or serious disturbance during the assessment. Special consideration may also be applied if a reasonable adjustment proved inappropriate or inadequate.

Learners who believe they were disadvantaged during an assessment through circumstances outside of their control should contact their centre as soon as reasonably possible after the assessment.

The centre should complete a Special Consideration Application Form and submit this to the British Safety Council no later than 10 days after the assessment. The application should be supported by appropriate evidence, for example a doctor's letter in the case of illness.

Requests for special consideration will be considered at the awarding stage and appropriate allowance may be made at the judgement of the awarding committee. The maximum allowance is 5% of the total raw marks available for the particular component.

The British Safety Council cannot make aegrotat awards to learners who fail to undertake an assessment. As all assessment is external there would be insufficient evidence on which to make such an award.

In some circumstances, rather than applying special consideration, it may be more appropriate to offer the learner an opportunity to retake the assessment at a later date.

Right of appeal

Centres and learners may appeal against the British Safety Council's decisions regarding special consideration. Further information can be found in the British Safety Council's Result Enquiries and Appeals Policy.

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