

# **Food and Drink Policy (Exams)**

Ron Dearing UTC

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Centre Name	Ron Dearing UTC
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## Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of Centre	Steve Willacy
Senior leader(s)	Sarah Pashley Mark Ollerenshaw
Exams officer	Kieran Cocker
Other staff (if applicable)	Lead Invigilator Invigilators

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Ron Dearing UTC is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE refer to the JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

## **Purpose of the policy**

This policy confirms that Ron Dearing UTC reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow food and drink in the examination room, and confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed regarding food and drink in the examination room
- appropriate arrangements are in place for the management of food and drink in the examination room

## **1. Food and drink in the examination room**

- Food and drink is allowed in the examination room at the discretion of the head of centre (ICE 18.2)
- Any food and drink brought into the examination room whether by the candidate or the centre must be free from packaging and all labels are removed from drink containers (ICE 18.2)
- To enable invigilators to check these items quickly and efficiently:
  - food brought into the examination room by the candidate must be free of packaging and in a transparent container
  - drink bottles must be transparent with all labels removed which would include transparent, reusable plastic bottles (ICE 18.2)

The following arrangements are applied at Ron Dearing UTC:

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Additional centre-specific arrangements:

Only water is allowed in examination rooms. Water is encouraged in the examination rooms, as it aids hydration and concentration, but it must be in clear unlabelled bottles. Food is allowed in examination rooms under exceptional circumstances and only if required as part of a medical condition. Food must be given to the Exams officer prior to the start of the exam season so that packaging can be checked. The Exams officer will store the food in the exam strong room. The Exams officer will give the food to the invigilator to place on the relevant exam desk, without packaging, prior to the start of each individual exam.

## **2. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **The role of the exams office/officer**

- Through briefings, ensure candidates are aware of the regulations, and centre-specific arrangements, relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Ensure invigilators are trained and aware of the regulations/centre-specific arrangements relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Escalate any issue or breach of centre-specific arrangements to the relevant senior leader for the application of internal sanction(s)
- Escalate any breach of JCQ regulations immediately to the head of centre (a breach of the regulations constitutes suspected or actual malpractice)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

### **The role of the invigilator**

- Be vigilant in the examination room and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice (ICE 20.2)

- Record what has happened and actions taken on the exam room incident log in relation to any breach of regulations/centre-specific arrangements regarding food and drink in the examination room

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

**The role of the head of centre**

- Report to the awarding body immediately all cases of suspected or actual malpractice in connection with the examination (ICE 24.3)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

## **Changes 2023/2024**

No changes applicable.

## **Centre-specific changes**

Upon review in September 2023, no centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.