Learner Appeals against Assessment Decisions Policy

Designated Appeals Officer: Tracey Vaccarezza Writer/reviewer of this policy: Tracey Vaccarezza

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Learners have the right to appeal against an assessment decision made by staff work at Solihull MBC's Recognised Delivery Centre. The procedure outlined within this policy must be followed in order for an appeal to be considered.

The Head of Centre Tina Wiggin is responsible for ensuring that this policy is published, implemented and accessible to all personnel, learners and any relevant third parties. The Head of Centre will also ensure that all personnel have read and understood this policy and that any amendments to the policy are communicated to relevant parties.

Learners should be made aware of this policy at the start of their course/programme and the policy should be easily accessible (website, intranet, booklets).

Learners wishing to appeal against an assessment decision must do so within 14 days of the original decision. We advise learners to keep copies of all documents relating to the appeal. The following procedure should be followed by learners wishing to submit an appeal.

Appeal Submission Procedure

Learner is dissatisfied with an assessment decision. An appeal directly to the relevant assessor should be made in the first instance. The assessor should explain the rationale behind the assessment decision to the learner.

Learner is dissatisfied with the assessor's rationale

Learner completes the 'Learner Appeal against an Assessment Decision Form' and submits this to the Designated Appeals Officer along with any supporting evidence.

This should be submitted within 14 days of the original decision.

The Designated Appeals Officer must acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 10 working days and must outline the actions to be taken.

The Designated Appeals Officer will investigate and evaluate the submitted evidence.

Outcomes should be communicated to all relevant parties within 20 working days.

Learner is dissatisfied with the outcomes of the appeal

Learner can escalate their appeal to the 1st4sport Qualifications Compliance and Risk
Team by submitting evidence to:
imanagement@1st4sportqualifications.com

The appeal will be handled according to the 1st4sport Qualifications Position Statement – Learner Appeals against Recognised Centre Decisions which can be found on the 1st4sport Qualifications website under About Us/Policies and Procedures: www.1st4sportqualifications.com

Learner Appeal against an Assessment Decision Form

Learners must complete this form and submit it to the Designated Appeals Officer within 14 days of the assessment decision.

Describe the reasons for your appeal as fully as possible. Please include **copies** of any associated documents (e.g. learner evidence, record of achievement, observation checklists, feedback from the assessor etc.). Learners should retain a copy of this form.

Type of assessment and details of original assessment decision		
Reason for the appeal		
Learner signature Date		

To be completed by the Designated Appeals Officer.

Date of Appeal Investigation					
Investigation Details					
Outcome (tick one only)					
Uphold original assessment decision					
Offer the learner an opportunity for a reassessment (free of charge)					
Overturn original assessment decision					
Other actions relating to outcomes (give details)					
(give details)					
Designated Appeals Officer		Data			
signature		Date			
Learner signature ¹		Date			

¹ Signing this form does not necessarily indicate agreement with the decision but is an acknowledgement of receipt of the outcomes.