

Appeals Policy



Winterbury Training Ltd is a progressive training organisation providing mandatory and optional training to a range of organisations. We provide a range of first aid, mental health, food safety, safeguarding and teaching qualifications through Qualifications Network. We are committed to providing high quality training and qualifications and to ensuring that equality of opportunity underpins all aspects of our work.

This policy relates to complaints that our customers, students and suppliers may have about our organisation and sets out our formal procedure for dealing with such complaints.

It is important that all appeals are raised directly with Winterbury Training Ltd. Our appeals policy is a four stage process; each process is detailed below and most complaints will be resolved to a satisfactory standard at stage one. If the complaint is not resolved at stage one then it should be escalated to stage two and if not resolved again it should be escalated to stage three, finally if not resolved at the third stage the final stage should be used.

Stage one:

- Complaint is raised directly with the assessor conducting the assessment, who will deal with the concern/complaint at the time that it is raised.
- The usual course of action would be for the candidate to repeat the assessment.

Stage two:

- If the candidate is still not happy with the outcome of the second assessment they should raise this as soon as possible with the course tutor or centre manager; details of the centre manager are provided here:

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Highbury, Youngs Paddock
Winterslow
Salisbury SP5 1RS
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- Where the course tutor is Carolyn Port (Centre Manager) and the delegate feels there may be a conflict of interest, they may contact the Winterbury Training's Internal Quality Assuror:
Graeme Rundle
GCS Medical Ltd
Unit 5, Lloyd Court
Dunston
Gateshead
NE11 9EP
info@thegcsgroup.co.uk
07923 025480
- We aim to resolve all complaints within 10 working days in writing.

Stage three:

- Only if the candidate is still not happy with the outcome from the training centre can they refer their appeal to Qualifications Network, who will carry out an investigation into the complaint and will contact the complainant with the results of their investigation.
- Qualifications Network can be contacted by phoning 020 3795 0559.

Stage four:

- Stage four is the final stage of the appeal. If your appeal has not been resolved, you can take your appeal to Ofqual using their appeals procedure. However you *must* have exhausted all options above.

You can make Ofqual aware of your complaint by letter, phone or email.

Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation

Spring Place
Coventry Business Park
Herald Avenue
Coventry
CV5 6UB

Telephone: 0300 303 3346

(Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Textphone: 0300 303 3345

Fax: 0300 303 3348

Email: info@ofqual.gov.uk

You need to provide Ofqual with the following information:

- What the complaint is about
- Your full name and candidate number (if you have one)
- The training provider's name and number
- The name of the awarding organisation or exam board
- The qualification or unit title and code number
- Copies of any relevant supporting documents.

Ofqual promise to:

- acknowledge receipt of your complaint within two working days of receiving it
- give you a full response within 30 working days.

Winterbury Training Ltd will keep a written record of all appeals made and the outcomes. This will be made available to any inspectors or other organisations that conduct Quality Assurance based audits. Our primary aim is to provide high quality customer focused training and qualifications; therefore we aim to have very few appeals to our decisions and certainly aim to resolve any appeals within our company at the earliest opportunity.

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