Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing Request for Special Consideration

When a candidate has sat a test under adverse circumstances through no fault of their own, a Special Consideration may be taken into account. Examples of acceptable reasons are given below.

The decision to take the Special Consideration into account or not is at the discretion of the institution(s). No adjustment will be made to results.

How to apply for Special Consideration

The request should be made using the Special Consideration form which can be found on our Support Site.

A Special Consideration request must be received within five working days of the test date. Requests received after this date cannot be considered as institutions will already be making their decisions.

Here are some examples of acceptable reasons. The list is not intended to be comprehensive.

Examples of acceptable reasons:

• Illness during or immediately preceding the test. This must be accompanied by medical evidence such as a doctor’s note.

• Disability (permanent or temporary) at the time of the test but where access arrangements were either not in place or not adequate.

• Distress owing to factors such as the death of a close friend or relative, acute family/domestic problems, etc., immediately preceding the test.

What level of Special Consideration will be shared with the institution(s)?

All of the information submitted for the Special Consideration application will be shared with the institution(s) to enable them to assess the university application appropriately. Please note, this will include any evidence supplied by the candidate to support their Special Consideration application. We cannot enter into discussion with centres, candidates or their representatives on how the Special Consideration information will be processed by the institution(s).
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