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Overview

Trinity College London (''**Trinity**'') is dedicated to delivering an open and accountable service to customers of its Secure English Language Tests (''**SELTs**''). We strive to achieve excellence and believe we achieve this most of the time. However, if we are not getting it right, we welcome feedback to help us improve.

One of the ways we continuously improve our service is by listening to and addressing the views of our candidates, learners, customers and stakeholders. We are committed to responding constructively to complaints and trying to put matters right.

All complaints are handled fairly and impartially and do not influence or bias a candidate's examination result.

In recognition of the needs of our SELT candidates and the tight deadlines they often face when submitting UKVI applications, we aim to acknowledge receipt within 3 working days and conclude the complaint investigations within 10 working days. Investigations that are complex may take longer and we will notify the candidate as soon as practicable if this is the case.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to outline how Trinity endeavours to address all complaints in a consistent and timely manner, promoting transparency, accountability and fairness.

Scope

This service is available to anyone who wishes to make a complaint about an unsatisfactory service or process they have experienced with Trinity. All concerns about SELT exam results or assessments are addressed via our SELT Academic Investigations and Appeals Policy which you can locate on the Trinity website

All complaints about SELT are managed by a dedicated SELT team. More information can be found on our website.

Roles and responsibilities

The SELT team is responsible for managing complaints received through the dedicated SELT complaints inbox. Where required, they may consult with relevant departments to support the management of the complaint.

Definition

Trinity defines a complaint as 'any expression of dissatisfaction that relates to Trinity and that requires a formal response'.

Informal complaints

We believe that an informal approach to resolving a concern or complaint can often produce the fastest result. For instance, there may have been a misunderstanding or administrative error that we can agree to rectify within a specified timeframe.

If you are unsure whether your concern can be dealt with informally, please contact the SELT Customer Services Team on 03333 583183. Alternatively, you can email: SELT@trinitycollege.com or seltsupport@trinitycollege.com. Please remember to include a phone number and let us know when a convenient time would be to call you.

Formal complaints
We recognise that not every concern is suitable for an informal resolution. For such situations, we have a formal complaints process.

Complaints should be made, in writing, within 8 weeks of the issue arising. You can contact us **via email: SELTComplaints@trinitycollege.com or post:** Complaints, Trinity College London SELT, 1A Essex Street, Preston, PR1 1QE

Information needed to help us investigate your complaint
To investigate your complaint thoroughly, we need as much information as possible, including:

- the relevant candidate number (where applicable).
- any actions that have already been taken.
- any relevant correspondence or documentation (please do not send original documents).
- names of the Trinity personnel you have been in contact with.
- the remedy you are seeking.

If you would prefer to be contacted by telephone, please also provide us with your telephone number, along with the convenient day / time for us to contact you.

Unsatisfactory resolution to the complaint
If you are not satisfied with the response to your complaint, you can email QualityandStandards@trinitycollege.com for the attention of Trinity's Chief Executive Office, providing an explanation about why you disagree with the findings and request that your complaint be reviewed.

At this stage, an external expert* may be appointed (if necessary) to carry out a paper-based review of all the information presented and make a final decision.

You should expect a response to your escalated complaint within 20 working days.

Please note that the Chief Executive's Office will only review your complaint once the formal procedure has been concluded.

* To maintain impartiality, protect privacy and uphold the integrity of investigations, the identity of the external expert will remain confidential.

Role of the regulator

Trinity is externally regulated by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales and CCEA Regulation in Northern Ireland. If you exhaust Trinity's complaints process and remain unhappy with the outcome, you have the right to refer your complaint to the relevant regulator.

Additional notes

Trinity takes all complaints seriously and is committed to resolving matters fairly and impartially. We ask that all correspondence remains respectful and professional. Trinity reserves the right to terminate any communications that we feel are unreasonably persistent, abusive, threatening or offensive.

Trinity is unable to re-visit a case once it has been concluded unless new evidence comes to light. For this reason, we may terminate contact with a complainant who persists in communicating with us regarding the same issue.

Use of AI

If you use AI to prepare your complaint, please note that you are responsible for reviewing the content before submission to ensure that it accurately reflects your concerns, is factually correct to the best of your knowledge and avoids unnecessary repetition. Please check all facts and references, as AI can produce inaccurate or misleading information. We may ask you to clarify or correct information where necessary.

General data protection regulation (UK GDPR)

In line with UK GDPR, Trinity has a separate procedure for complaints from data subject(s) related to the processing of their personal data, Trinity's handling of a request from a data subject, and appeals from data subjects about how complaints have been handled. Please follow this procedure, if applicable.

Retention and storage of personal data

All personal data collected as part of this procedure will be stored securely, in accordance with Trinity's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement.

Change control

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