



WSET
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Policy for Candidates Requiring Special Consideration

Introduction:

Barrels & Beyond, as an Approved Program Provider for WSET®, recognises that there may be circumstances where a candidate may need to request special consideration after an assessment, due to circumstances which may have unfairly disadvantaged the candidate.

Definitions:

Special consideration is an action taken after an assessment to allow candidates who have been disadvantaged by temporary illness, injury, indisposition or adverse circumstances at the time of the assessment to demonstrate attainment.

A candidate may be eligible for special considerations if:

- performance in an examination is affected by circumstances beyond the control of the candidate. This may include recent personal illness, accident, bereavement or examination room conditions;
- alternative assessment arrangements which were agreed in advance of the assessment proved inappropriate or inadequate;
- the application of special consideration would not mislead the end-user of the certificate;

Students must submit a [**“Special Consideration Application Form”**](#) to the administrator at *Barrels & Beyond* within 4 working days of the assessment date for which special consideration is being sought. Eligibility will only be considered if accompanied by supporting independent documentation,

Please allow extra time to pass your request to WSET®.

It should be noted that WSET® does not offer aegrotat awards and that all assessment requirements of WSET® qualifications must be met. It is also our policy that special considerations will not give unfair advantage over candidates for whom special considerations are not being applied, or alter the assessment demands of the qualification as detailed in the qualification specification.

If a candidate is unable to attend an examination for which they have been registered due to circumstances outside their direct control, they should notify this center as soon as possible, and complete the "Request for Special Consideration" form submitting written 3rd party evidence to support their application. Failure to attend due to work commitments does not qualify for "special consideration".