Candidate Identification Policy



1. Policy

Candidates are required to bring one form of original photographic identification, from the list below, photocopies / scans are not acceptable, with at least six months validity remaining.

This must be presented it to the Trainer / Assessor prior to commencement of the training or assessment:

- Any nationality passport
- UK Driving licence with photograph
- Non-UK Driving Licence
- Work ID Card
- EU Country ID Card
- ARCA Training Card
- CSCS Card

- Student ID Card
- Citizen Card
- Trade Union Card
- British Armed Forces Card
- Proof of Age Card
- Young Scots Card

A candidate without any of the above may phone 01283 505777 for more details, before attending the training or assessment. Please note all candidates are required to sign-in before training or assessments and agree to their photograph being taken.

If candidates do not bring suitable ID, they will not be issued with a certificate until the ID has been provided and can be verified.

2. What will happen on the day?

When the candidate arrives, the assessor/trainer/invigilator will ask them to show the photo ID. Assessor's/trainer's/invigilator's will check candidate details against the candidate list. No copies will be kept by the assessor/trainer/invigilator or by ARCA/ATaC. Candidate's will then complete their assessment/course/exam at the given time.

3. What happens if candidate's forget their photo ID?

If candidate's forget their photo ID for an assessment/course/exam taken in person. Candidate's will still be allowed to take their assessment/course/exam and it will not affect the candidate. The assessor's/trainer's/invigilator's will make a note that the candidate did not have a photo ID and ARCA/ATaC administration team will contact the person who made the booking after the assessment/course/exam to verify the photograph we have taken on the day to verify against.

4. Why do I need to provide photo ID?

ARCA/ATaC are required by regulators and our awarding bodies to take all reasonable steps to ensure we identify the candidates who take our assessments/courses/exams at the time of the assessment. This is particularly important for qualifications which may be used to enter for other qualifications or as part of an employment application.

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5. Impersonating a candidate malpractice.

If anyone is found to be impersonating a candidate, in an attempt to take the assessment/course/exam on the candidate's behalf, this will be investigated as potential malpractice in line with the ARCA/ATaC Malpractice and Maladministration Policy. This is considered a serious academic offence and penalties for a proven case can include disqualification of the candidate from ARCA/ATaC/RSPH/CITB assessments/courses/exams and being barred from entering future ARCA/ATaC/RSPH/CITB assessments/courses/exams for a specified period of time.

For further information, please refer to the ARCA/ATaC Malpractice and Maladministration Policy.