

## **ADDITIONAL TIME AND/OR MODIFIED ASSIGNMENTS FOR CLAiT**

### **Additional Time**

Candidates who are eligible for extra time include those with permanent or temporary disabilities and those with a learning difficulty. Additional time may be permitted in all qualifications where time or speed is not the focus of the assessment.

### ***Instances where the allowance of additional time may be granted by the Head of Centre without prior application to OCR***

Where there is evidence of need, the Head of Centre may grant additional time to those candidates whose ability to demonstrate attainment is affected by their disability. It is anticipated that, in most cases, an allowance of 25% extra time will be sufficient to allow the candidate to complete on an equal basis with candidates who have no particular requirements. In exceptional circumstances the Head of Centre may allow more than 25% additional time but only if the candidate has one or more of the following difficulties:

- multiple problems;
- very severe physical disability or illness;
- in cases where the candidate would normally be allowed a reader but the subject in question is one where readers cannot be permitted;
- in cases where the candidate is using Braille papers.

Centres should note that an allowance of 100% extra time is normally the maximum allowed, and where more is required an application **must** be submitted to OCR.

In cases where extra time is being considered for candidates with learning difficulties, the Head of Centre must be satisfied that the candidate can cope with the subject content of the specification.

Centre should be advised that prolonging the test may be damaging to a candidate's condition and that medical advice must be sought before any candidate is submitted to extended periods in an examination room. OCR cannot be held responsible for any ill-effects caused by alternative assessment arrangements put in place by the centre or agreed with OCR.

## **Modified Question Papers/Assignments for the Hearing Impaired**

- a) *Instances where the use of modified question papers or assignments may be granted by the Head of Centre without prior application to OCR***

Where a candidate's hearing loss has resulted in a possible linguistic disability, centres may modify the carrier language in question papers/assignments as recommended by a specialist teacher of the deaf. The validity of the assessment must not be compromised as a result of modifications. If in doubt, centres should consult OCR on best practice 10 weeks in advance of the assessment session. The modified question paper/assignment must be sent with the candidate's script to the OCR assessor. This facility is not available for timetabled examinations.

Centres are advised to consider whether the candidate would be more comfortable with the use of a communicator before a question paper/assignment is modified.

- b) *Instances where the use of modified question papers or assignments must be agreed with OCR***

None