

Guidance for centres with candidates requiring extra time for speaking assessments

Usually candidates who are allowed extra time in their exams will only have this applied to any preparation time for the exam (this does not apply to International GCSE or International A Level unit 3 where there is no preparation time allocated).

If centres believe that a candidate requires extra time for the recorded portion of the speaking exam it is essential that they seek approval. Applications submitted via the Access Arrangements portal do not cover this.

Examiners stop marking when the maximum time has been reached and if a candidate has not been granted extra time, they will not listen to anything past the time prescribed by the specification.

To apply for extra time centres must email uk.special.requirements@pearson.com with the candidate and qualification details, explaining why extra time is required for the recorded portion as opposed to the preparation time only.

Candidates must only be given extra time in the recording if this has been granted by the special requirements team.