

Calculated grades and the Ofqual consultation: legal pinchpoints

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Ranking - discrimination

- Problems with ranking?
- Ofqual recognises the potential issue: pp7, 10, 30-32;
- Equality Impact Assessment (pp49-53) and literature review;
- BAME, gender and SEN?
- What should schools do?

Home-schooling – discrimination

- 20,000 private candidates out of 1.3m entered for exams = 1.5%
- Private candidates with no association with exam centre unlikely to be able to get calculated grade. No special arrangements to be made: pp23-25;
- Ofqual recognises equality issue (p52). More likely to be:
 - At home due to disability;
 - At home for religious reasons
- No answer at the moment

School decision-making process – public law challenges

- What if school's general approach to grade/rank calculation flawed?
- No appeal currently intended for students (pp35-37). Would have to be public law challenge;
- How to even find out relevant info? Timing issues
- No guidance
- What should schools do?

Relevance of Autumn series

- “You can sit the exams in the Autumn anyway”
- BUT, is that a sufficient response?
 - Disruption to teaching this year. Students without computers?
 - Importance of timing? Losing university places etc.

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