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Communication from the Examination Board for the European qualifying examination concerning the conduct of the examination

The Examination Board reminds all candidates that they are expected to follow the Instructions to candidates concerning the conduct of the European qualifying examination (EQE). These Instructions are an essential part of the examination framework and safeguard the integrity and fairness of the EQE.

During the EQE 2025 session, the Examination Board dealt with several cases in which candidates failed to respect the Instructions. In some of these instances, the breaches were of such gravity that the candidates were disqualified from all papers sat in 2025.

Under the applicable provisions of the Implementing provisions to the Regulation on the European qualifying examination (IPREE), both a breach of the Instructions and fraudulent behaviour may give rise to measures by the Examination Board (Rules 19 and 20 IPREE). Candidates should therefore note that any breach which enables or could enable an unfair advantage may justify measures under said rules, including disqualification, irrespective of proven intent.

The Examination Board continuously monitors the conduct of the examination. Candidates are therefore expected to familiarise themselves with the Instructions in advance and to follow them carefully throughout the examination. They are also reminded of the serious consequences that may arise in the event of non-compliance, as adherence to these rules is vital for maintaining the integrity of the EQE and to guarantee equal examination conditions for all candidates.

For the Examination Board
The Chairman

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