

Complaint Policy

POLICY SUMMARY

KCL Complaints Policy provides the framework within which anyone who is dissatisfied with the organisation can raise their concerns. The framework also assists staff to deal with complaints from learners, employers, contractors, visitors, and other interested parties.

INFORMAL STAGE

It is recognised that some concerns are raised informally, and these can and should be dealt with immediately. An informal complaint should be raised directly with the relevant Tutor, Trainer, or the college Office team.

Any such concerns should then be raised promptly and directly with the individual against whom there is a concern where relevant.

We aim to resolve informal concerns quickly and effectively. If concerns are not satisfactorily resolved in this way complainants should follow KCL's formal Complaints process as outlined below.

FORMAL STAGE

The formal procedure is intended to ensure that all complaints are handled fairly, consistently, and wherever possible resolved to the complainant's satisfaction.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPLAINANT

If the complaint is not resolved at the informal stage, or the complainant does not wish to follow the informal complaint process, they should:

Communicate their complaint in writing by completing the complaint form given at the end of the policy and sending to:

Dr Faiz Subhani
Kingdom College Limited
Suite 1 Ealing House
33 hanger lane,
Ealing
W53HJ

Alternatively completed complaint form available on page 9 can be emailed to faiz.subhani@kingdomcollege.org.uk

- Bring their complaint to the attention of KCL within 12 weeks of the incident occurring.
- Explain the concern as clearly and as fully as possible, including any action taken to date.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF THE KINGDOM COLLEGE

- KCL welcomes feedback to enable us to improve our services. We will respond to any dissatisfaction with our services fairly and promptly.
- You will receive an initial response within 48 hours of receipt of your formal complaint
- Your complaint will be looked into, and a response sent to you within 10 working days detailing our findings.
- A further, more detailed response will be sent on conclusion of a full investigation if relevant.
- You may be offered a meeting with the parties involved if appropriate.
- All informal and formal complaints will be logged on our central log.
- These will be retained for a period of 2 years following resolution and closure of the complaint at which point all information relating to the complaint will be deleted.

APPEALS AND ESCALATION PROCESS

You may appeal to if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint. Your appeal must be submitted within 20 working days from receipt of the complaint response. Your appeal should be sent, in writing to Faiz Subhani at the address or email given on page 1.

If you have fully exhausted our complaints procedure, have evidence of this and remain dissatisfied you can contact to the awarding body.

Those learners who are just doing any accredited qualifications with the KCL, they can contact the Awarding Body to escalate the issue.

The apprentices can also escalate their issues to the Awarding body if it is only qualification related.

But apprentices can also contact with the DFE to escalate the complaint If they have fully exhausted our complaints procedure, have evidence of this and remain dissatisfied.

You can also escalate the issue if you are being prevented from exhausting our complaints procedure, or if you are no longer able to contact us because we are no longer trading.

HOW TO COMPLAIN TO THE AWARDING BODY

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The Awarding Body only accept complaints in writing, by email or letter, except where they are required to make reasonable adjustments. Please let them know if this applies to you, either through a third party or calling them and they will arrange for someone to handle your complaint accordingly.

If you have difficulties in providing details in writing or if you are under 18, they will consider complaints made on your behalf by a third party. You will need to confirm that they can communicate with that third party on your behalf. If the complaint is on behalf of more than one person, they will need written permission from everyone.

When you contact them about your complaint, you will need to provide them with the following:

- the name of our organisation
- details of what your complaint is, together with the relevant documents
- evidence that you have fully exhausted our complaints procedure, including any appeals process (for example, written correspondence confirming the outcome)
- permission to disclose details of your complaint to us
- if you are acting on behalf of a learner, evidence that you have their permission to do so.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

On receipt of your complaint, they will check:

- if you are a registered student with them
- if it falls into one of the categories, they investigate
- if the original decision or action complained about occurred more than 12 months ago
- whether you have exhausted our complaints procedure including any appeals process

The Awarding Body will acknowledge receipt and send a copy of their procedure. They will also inform you of whether the complaint is one that they can investigate. If the Awarding Body cannot investigate your complaint, they may also signpost you to another organisation that may be able to help you.

The Awarding Body will appoint an officer with appropriate knowledge and expertise to investigate your complaint. If they can investigate, they will email a summary of the complaint to you. In some complex cases, they will request that you agree to the summary. Within 10 working days of agreeing a summary, the Awarding Body will send the information that you have provided along with a summary of the complaint to us. They will then ask us to share with them:

- details and copies of the relevant procedure
- confirmation that our procedures have been exhausted

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- response to the summary of complaint, together with relevant documents
- confirmation that they can share the information provided with you.

If our procedures have not been exhausted, the Awarding Body will let you know that they will not investigate the matter further until that has happened. If they decide we have unduly delayed resolving the complaint or will not resolve the complaint within a reasonable timescale, they may continue to investigate.

If the Awarding Body need more information, they may contact those involved to get further information or evidence.

The Awarding body aim to finalise the findings within 25 working days of your complaint summary being agreed.

They will notify you of the outcome and their findings, and that will conclude the investigation. If at any point during the investigation, they encounter a delay in responding to or providing correspondence, they will notify you of the delay and provide details of when you can expect a response.

HOW TO COMPLAIN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DFE)

The DFE only accept complaints in writing, by email or letter and online complaint can be raised by [clicking here](#) except where they are required to make reasonable adjustments. Please let them know if this applies to you, either through a third party or by [clicking here](#) and or by calling on DFE helpline on 0370 000 2288.

If you have difficulties in providing details in writing or if you are under 18, they will consider complaints made on your behalf by a third party. You will need to confirm that they can communicate with that third party on your behalf. If the complaint is on behalf of more than one person, they will need written permission from everyone.

You should email complaints to customer.complaints@education.gov.uk, or put them in a letter to:

Customer Service Team,
Education and Skills Funding Agency
Cheylesmore House
Quinton Road
Coventry, CV1 2WT

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When you contact them about your complaint, you will need to provide them with the following:

The name of our organisation

- details of what your complaint is, together with the relevant documents
- evidence that you have fully exhausted our complaints procedure, including any appeals process (for example, written correspondence confirming the outcome)
- permission to disclose details of your complaint to us
- if you are acting on behalf of a learner, evidence that you have their permission to do so

The DFE can only investigate on behalf of learners whose courses they fund or employers that they fund. They may ask you for further information to help them confirm this.

On receipt of your complaint, they will check:

- if they fund the course/organisation
- if it falls into one of the [categories](#) they can investigate
- if the original decision or action complained about occurred more than 12 months ago (unless it is about an Advanced Learner Loan)
- whether you have exhausted our complaints procedure including any appeals process

The DFE will acknowledge receipt and send a copy of this procedure. They will also inform you of whether the complaint is one that they can investigate. If the DFE cannot investigate your complaint, they may also signpost you to another organisation that may be able to help you.

The DFE will appoint an officer with appropriate knowledge and expertise to investigate your complaint. If they can investigate, they will email a summary of the complaint to you. In some complex cases, they will request that you agree to the summary. Where this happens, you will have 5 working days to respond.

Within 10 working days of agreeing a summary, the DFE will send the information that you have provided along with a summary of the complaint to us. They will then ask us to share with them:

- details and copies of the relevant procedure
- confirmation that our procedures have been exhausted
- a response to the summary of complaint, together with relevant documents
- confirmation that they can share the information provided with you

If our procedures have not been exhausted, the DFE will let you know that they will not investigate the matter further until that has happened. If they decide we have unduly delayed resolving the complaint or will not resolve the complaint within a reasonable timescale, they

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may continue to investigate. If the DFE determine that you are self-funded, they will write to you to say that they cannot investigate the matter further.

If the DFE need more information, they may contact those involved to get further information or evidence.

The DFE aim to finalise the findings within 25 working days of your complaint summary being agreed. They will notify you of the outcome and their findings, and that will conclude the investigation.

If at any point during the investigation, they encounter a delay in responding to or providing correspondence, they will notify you of the delay and provide details of when you can expect a response.

What action the DFE will take

The organisations funded are independent bodies and the DFE has limited power to intervene in their day-to-day running. DFE's role is to ensure we have acted according to their complaint's procedures.

If your complaint is upheld, they may consider action against us, such as:

- asking us to review our complaints procedure to ensure non-recurrence
- asking us to review our handling of your case

Working with other DFE teams and/or intelligence, they may consider:

- whether they continue to fund us
- invoking clauses from the funding agreements, financial memoranda and/or contract

What to do if you are not satisfied

If you are not happy with the way the DFE handled your complaint against a provider, you can fill in the complaint form [complaint form](#) to issue a formal complaint about the DFE.

CONFIDENTIALITY

KCL will keep you informed of progress with your complaint and how we are handling the information provided under this Complaints Procedure. Where an investigation is required, your information may be shared with other KCL staff members or external third parties. Before sharing your information, we would inform you of this, unless there were exceptional circumstances, for example, where doing so could pose a risk of harm to you or others. In the case of young people under the age of 18 raising a complaint, depending on the nature of the complaint, we may be obliged to inform their parent/guardian.

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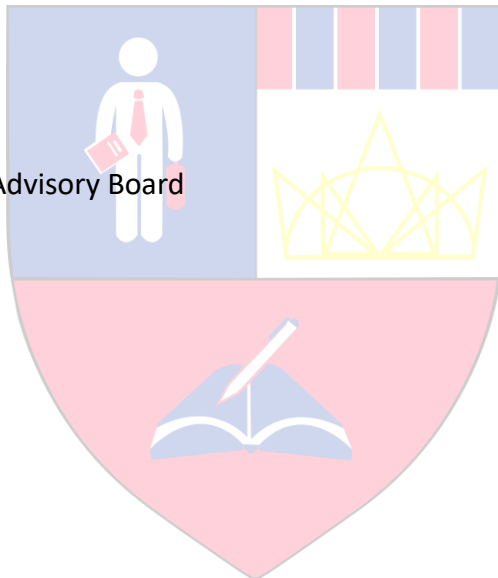
REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or following changes to Government updates, any statutory guidance, and company risk assessment policies and processes.

Last Reviewed date: 03-02-2025

Next Review Date: 01-07-2025

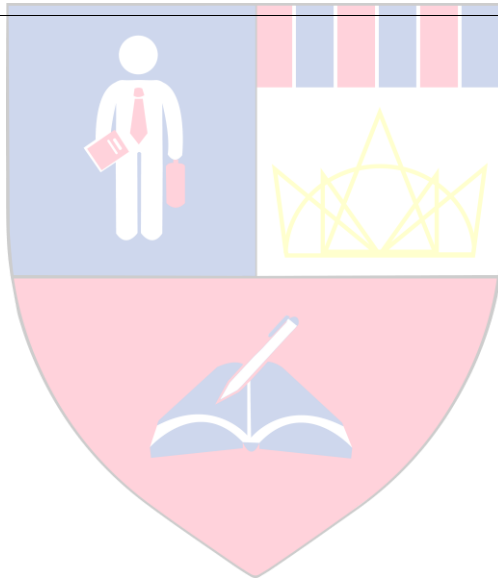
Mark Simpkins, Chair of the Advisory Board



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CONTACT DETAILS IN CASE OF COMPLAINTS

Name	Email	Telephone Number
Faiz Amin Subhani (CEO)	faiz.subhani@kingdomcollege.org.uk	07848858005
Mumtaz Khan (Director)	Mum.khan@kingdomcollege.org.uk	02033552329



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COMPLAINT FORM

Please use this form if you wish to make a complaint about a service provided by Kingdom College Limited

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) _____

Name: _____

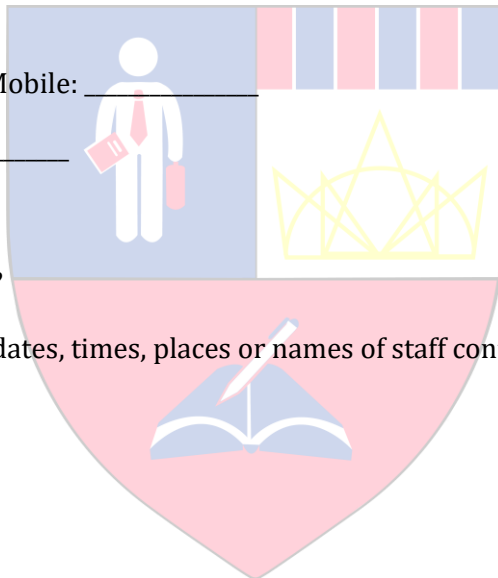
Address: _____

Telephone:

Home: _____

Mobile: _____

Work/Other: _____



What is your complaint about?

Please include any important dates, times, places or names of staff contacted.

What would you like College to do to put things right?

Signed:

Date: