**What is Maladministration within Statutory Assessments?**

**Knowing what it is, helps to avoid it!**

Maladministration of the PSC, KS1, MTC or KS2 tests can be unintentional as well as intentional. It can include:

• early opening of test papers or PSC materials without permission

• pupils being over-aided by test administrators

• pupils cheating

• schools allowing pupils to resit a test or the PSC

• changes being made to pupils’ test scripts outside of test conditions

• schools reporting pupils’ PSC scores incorrectly

When there is doubt about the accuracy of pupils’ results, STA can make the following decisions for individual pupils, groups of pupils or the whole cohort for the relevant year group

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| **Assessment** | **Potential decisions** |
| PSC | Amend or annul. If pupils are in year 1, they will have the opportunity to take the PSC again the following year. Pupils in year 2 will not be able to retake the check in future years |
| KS1 tests | Amend or annul KS1 test results. These cannot be used to support TA if annulled. |
| KS2 tests | Amend or annul KS2 test results |
| TA KS1 and KS2 | Amend or annul TA judgements |
| MTC | Whole check will be annulled |

Any decision to amend, annul or discount pupils’ results is final and there is no right of appeal. Therefore, considering this guidance may well support your schools’ test processes.

[Key stages 1 and 2: investigating allegations of maladministration - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stages-1-and-2-investigating-allegations-of-maladministration)