



Reinstated to Amateur Status – FAQ's

Below are some frequently asked questions relating to the reinstatement of a golfer's Amateur Status. If you have specific questions that are not answered in this document, please contact the R&A Rules Team via email at reinstatement@randa.org.

Competitions and Handicaps

How do I obtain a WHS handicap, or can I transfer my previous handicap?

Your reinstatement as an Amateur player may affect your Handicap Index. Any Handicap Index previously held may no longer be active, we suggest that you should contact your local Authorised Association (National Union) to establish how to reinstate your Handicap Index as the requirements vary from country to country.

Am I eligible for amateur competitions and how can I confirm my amateur status?

You are now an amateur golfer and eligible to compete in amateur only competitions. You should keep a copy of the reinstatement letter from The R&A as proof of your reinstatement. A record will also be kept by The R&A.

Returning to Non-Amateur

Can I turn professional again having been reinstated?

Yes. Under the Rules, you can choose to become non-amateur once again if you wish to do so. However, please note that if you decide to return to Amateur Status for a second time, your period awaiting reinstatement may be extended. For subsequent reinstatements after a second reinstatement, it would be a matter for the national governing body to decide whether to approve another reinstatement and if so, what the waiting period should be.