

Guidelines on Cancelled Beamtime

In the case that allocated beamtime does not become available to the user due to the malfunction of the Diamond source or beamline, Diamond cannot guarantee that such lost time will be re-allocated. Action will be taken to mitigate against the consequences of the lost beamtime: depending upon the circumstances the following routes are currently envisaged

1. Contingency time on the scheduled instrument will be assigned to make up for lost shifts, if this is available.
2. Beamtime may be allocated from the contingency belonging to another beamline provided the objectives of the experiment would be satisfied.
3. If there is no contingency time available, proposals that lost time will be forwarded to the next available peer review panel. At this point there are two options. Users may choose whether they wish their proposal to be reassessed by the panel or not. In the former case they may take advantage of the opportunity to amend or improve their proposal and in the latter the score awarded by the previous review panel will stand. In all cases the review panel will be informed of the circumstances surrounding the resubmission. Decisions on rescheduling in these circumstances are taken by the appropriate Science Director.

Additional Notes

1. For those beamlines where the primary mode of access is via a BAG, use of contingency time will be the normal route for reallocation of lost beamtime
2. Reassessment of proposals is envisaged for experiments that require more than 6 shifts in a single session, that have lost a major fraction of their beamtime and where contingency time is limited.