REPRESENTATIVE FINAL REPORT

Exception Review Queue & Resolution Report

A plain-language control document showing how uncertain, incomplete, conflicting, failed, or consequential work remains visible until an authorised person resolves it.

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Illustrative records and values are used throughout. A client-issued report replaces them with approved owners, thresholds, evidence, notification routes, release conditions, and acceptance results.

01 / START HERE

What this report means

An exception is any condition the normal workflow cannot safely complete by itself. The queue prevents that condition from disappearing inside an inbox, failed automation log, spreadsheet note, or uncertain AI response.

Plain-language rule

If the system does not have enough trusted information or authority to continue, it creates a visible exception with evidence, one accountable owner, a next review time, and a clear release condition.

Visible

The issue appears in the operating queue and relevant reporting until resolved or formally accepted.

Owned

One person or role is accountable for the next decision, even when several teams contribute.

Releasable

The item states exactly what must become true before blocked work may continue.

Priority, age, and state are different

- Priority describes the consequence or urgency of the issue.
- Age describes how long the exception has remained open.
- State describes where it is in the review and resolution process.
- A new high-priority gate can require immediate action, while an old low-priority issue may require management attention because it is ageing.

Snooze is not resolution. A snoozed item requires a reason, return time, and accountable owner. The system brings it back automatically.

02 / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The exception-control decision in one page

The representative RFQ-to-bid path uses a single governed queue for data conflicts, missing evidence, assignment delays, document issues, approval gates, integration failures, and uncertain model outputs. Each category has an owner, target review time, notification route, and release rule.

26 open items

Illustrative queue volume across six exception categories.

5 release gates

Consequential items that prevent submission or external action.

8 ageing items

Open beyond the representative target review window.

Control area	Approved approach	Business effect
Detection	Rules, people, integrations, and approved models may create exceptions	No dependence on one monitoring method
Ownership	Exactly one accountable owner and one next review time	Issues do not remain everybody's problem
Consequential actions	Named approval gate blocks external or binding action	Automation cannot bypass authority
Technical failures	Safe retry, controlled fallback, then visible escalation	Work can continue without silent loss
Resolution	Before state, decision, person, time, reason, and evidence retained	Every material closure is explainable
Management visibility	Open material exceptions remain in reporting	Leaders see operational friction, not just completed work

Executive decision

Approve the exception taxonomy, owners, target review times, escalation routes, and release conditions before production automation is allowed to act across the workflow.

03 / EXCEPTION LIFECYCLE

From detection to verified closure

The queue is not a list of errors. It is a controlled operating path that helps the team decide what happens when normal processing cannot continue safely.

01 **Detect** Rule, person, or model

02 **Record** Evidence and context

03 **Assign** Owner and review time

04 **Decide** Resolve, accept, reject

05 **Verify** Release condition

06 **Close** History retained

An exception is closed only after its release condition is verified.

State	Meaning	Required information	Exit condition
New	Detected but not yet triaged	Record, issue, source, created time	Category, priority, owner assigned
Review	Evidence or authority is being assessed	Conflicting values, source links, reviewer	Decision or required action identified
Action	A person or system must perform controlled work	Owner, due time, requested action	Action evidence returned
Gate	Consequential workflow step is blocked	Named approver, decision context	Explicit approval, rejection, or cancellation
Verify	Proposed resolution is being checked	Before/after values, evidence, verifier	Release condition satisfied
Closed	Resolved, accepted, rejected, or withdrawn	Decision, person, timestamp, reason	History retained and downstream state updated

Closure types

Resolved

The underlying condition was corrected and the release rule passed.

Accepted risk

An authorised role accepted a documented residual issue for a defined purpose.

Rejected or withdrawn

The proposed value, action, or workflow path was not allowed to continue.

04 / EXCEPTION TAXONOMY

The main reasons work leaves the happy path

Categories support routing and reporting. They do not replace the specific issue description, source evidence, or owner decision.

Category	Representative trigger	Default owner	Typical release condition
Missing information	Required field, file, date, or relationship is absent	Record owner	Required evidence accepted
Conflicting sources	Portal, email, spreadsheet, or system values disagree	Data owner	Controlling source and effective value confirmed
Identity or duplicate	Record may already exist or match is uncertain	Data steward	Match, separate, or merge decision approved
Document or revision	Duplicate file, unreadable file, or current issue unclear	Document control	Current and superseded relationships established
Workflow delay	Acknowledgement, response, review, or handoff overdue	Workflow lead	Action completed or reassigned
Approval gate	External or consequential action lacks approval	Named approver	Explicit decision recorded
Technical failure	API, browser, parsing, storage, or notification failure	System owner	Safe retry or verified fallback succeeds
Model uncertainty	Low confidence, missing citation, or unsupported AI output	Business reviewer	Accepted evidence or manual determination
Permission or policy	Attempted action exceeds access or business rule	Security/policy owner	Authorised path confirmed; event reviewed

Taxonomy rule

An item may carry secondary tags for reporting, but it has one primary category, one accountable owner, and one active release condition.

05 / WORKED QUEUE

Representative RFQ-to-bid exception register

This queue shows how operational issues remain specific and actionable. Identifiers, values, times, and owners are illustrative.

ID / record	Issue	Owner / age	State / priority	Release rule
EX-2418-01 RFQ-2418	Portal and email show different due times	Bid coordinator 2h	Review High	Confirm controlling source and timezone
EX-2418-02 ADD-03	Addendum not acknowledged by assigned estimator	Estimator 46m	Action High	Acknowledge and assess estimate impact
EX-2418-03 DOC-A201	Possible duplicate drawing revision	Document control 1h	Review Medium	Accept duplicate or establish superseded link
EX-2418-04 SUB-2418	Submission approval missing	Commercial lead 52m	Gate Critical	Named approver completes decision
EX-2418-05 OUT-2418	Loss reason incomplete	Account owner 3d	Follow-up Low	Select reason and retain evidence
EX-2418-06 CMP-0091	Company match has two possible records	Data steward 35m	Review Medium	Approve match, separation, or merge
EX-2418-07 ING-0442	Portal download failed after safe retries	System owner 12m	Technical High	Manual continuation or verified recovery
EX-2418-08 AI-0188	Extracted scope lacks supporting citation	Estimator 28m	Review High	Source evidence accepted or value rejected

What a reviewer sees

- The affected record and current workflow state.
- The precise issue, source evidence, and before values.
- Priority, age, owner, next review time, and notification history.
- Suggested resolution where permitted, plus the human decision required.
- The exact release condition that must pass before work continues.

06 / REVIEW EXPERIENCE

A queue designed for action, not decoration

The operating view groups items by state while preserving age and priority. Reviewers can filter by workflow, project, source, owner, category, consequence, deadline, and ageing threshold.

NEW	REVIEW	ACTION	VERIFY
Due time conflict Bid coordinator **2h**	**Duplicate revision** Document control **1h**	**Estimator reply overdue** Estimating lead **3h**	**Source corrected** Workflow owner **12m**
Missing project ID Data owner **18m**	**Low-confidence match** Commercial ops **35m**	**Approval missing** Commercial lead **52m**	**Receipt uploaded** Bid coordinator **8m**

Illustrative board: priority controls order; age remains visible inside each item.

My work

Items currently owned by the signed-in reviewer, ordered by approved triage logic.

Release gates

Consequential items blocking submission, payment, access, safety, or external action.

Management view

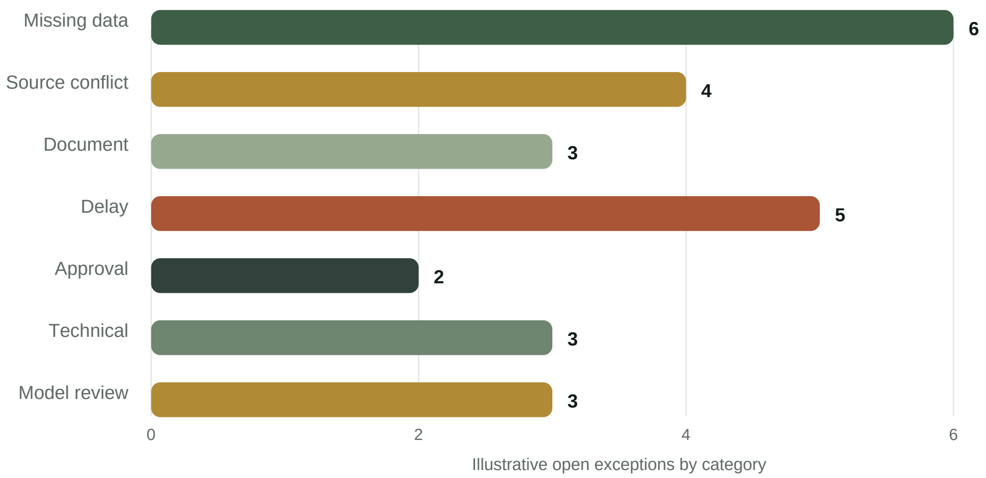
Material open items, ageing, recurrence, resolution time, and workflow impact.

A dashboard must not hide uncertainty behind a single score. The reviewer should be able to inspect the underlying record, source evidence, change history, and decision path.

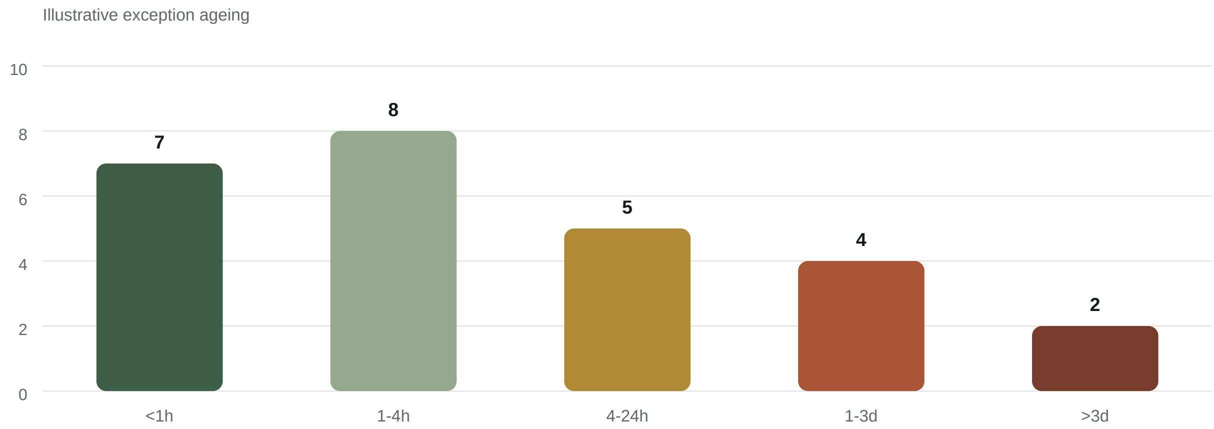
07 / PRIORITY & AGEING

Urgency comes from consequence, deadline, and time open

Priority determines attention order. Ageing reveals neglected or structurally difficult work. The two measures are reported separately so a new critical gate and an old recurring low-priority issue remain visible for different reasons.



Illustrative queue volume only. A client report uses actual records and agreed categories.



Age thresholds should follow the workflow's commercial or operational risk. A two-hour RFQ deadline conflict may be more urgent than a three-day incomplete outcome reason.

08 / ESCALATION & NOTIFICATIONS

Notify the right person without creating another noisy inbox

Notifications support the queue. They do not replace it. The record remains in one governed place while approved channels tell the accountable person that action is required.

	OWNER	NOTIFICATION	CONTROLLED RESPONSE
Routine	Named owner	Queue notification	Resolve inside normal review window
Time-sensitive	Workflow lead	Queue + email/Teams/Slack	Escalate before deadline risk becomes critical
Consequential	Authorised approver	Immediate gated alert	Stop release until an explicit decision
Technical failure	System owner	Monitoring + technical alert	Retry safely or move to manual continuation

Event	Primary action	Secondary escalation	Noise control
New routine item	Add to owner's queue	Digest if still open	No instant alert unless deadline requires
High-priority item	Queue + direct notification	Workflow lead before target breach	Group related events into one thread
Critical release gate	Immediate gated alert	Named alternate if unacknowledged	Stop repeated alerts after acknowledgement
Technical recovery	Log safe retry and result	Notify only after threshold or full stop	Do not alert for every successful retry
Snooze return	Restore to active queue	Escalate if no response	Require reason and return time
Closure	Update record and dependent workflow	Optional digest/reporting update	Avoid separate closure messages where not useful

Channel rule

Email, Teams, Slack, Discord, SMS, or dashboard notifications may be used according to client policy. The governed exception record remains the source of operational status and evidence.

09 / AI & TECHNICAL FAILURE BOUNDARY

Automation may help resolve an exception, but it cannot erase authority

Rules and approved models can classify issues, gather evidence, compare values, propose a resolution, retry a technical step, or prepare a draft. They cannot close consequential gates or fabricate missing evidence.

Capability	Permitted assistance	Required control
Classification	Suggest category, priority, and owner	Rule or person confirms material routing
Evidence gathering	Retrieve approved source values and citations	Permission and source freshness checked
Comparison	Highlight differences between files or records	Human decides controlling value where consequential
Resolution proposal	Draft correction, email, task, or next action	Named role approves before binding action
Technical recovery	Refresh, retry, re-authenticate through approved method, or use fallback	Bounded attempts, monitoring, and stop condition
Closure	Verify rule-based release conditions for routine cases	Approval gates and uncertain cases remain human-controlled

Safe technical recovery pattern

01 **Detect** Failure or changed state → 02 **Retry** Bounded safe attempt → 03 **Diagnose** Logs and permitted evidence → 04 **Fallback** Controlled continuation → 05 **Escalate** Stop and notify owner

Privacy rule

Diagnostic evidence should use the minimum necessary information. Logs, structured page state, or console evidence may be preferable to screenshots where screens contain sensitive business or personal data.

10 / MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT

The queue reveals where the operating system needs improvement

The goal is not to drive the exception count to zero. A healthy system surfaces genuine uncertainty and consequential decisions. Improvement focuses on reducing avoidable recurrence, ageing, failed handoffs, and time spent resolving predictable problems.

Measure	Definition	What it may reveal
Open exception volume	Active items by workflow and category	Current operational load
Age and target breach	Time open compared with agreed review window	Neglected work or inadequate ownership
Median resolution time	Time from creation to verified closure	Review capacity and workflow friction
Recurrence rate	Same root cause repeated in a defined period	Poor source quality, rule, integration, or training
Reopen rate	Closed items later returned to active review	Weak release conditions or premature closure
Gate impact	Time consequential work remained blocked	Commercial, delivery, or approval bottlenecks
Automation recovery	Failures recovered without data loss or manual restart	Technical resilience
Accepted-risk volume	Items closed with residual issue by authority	Policy exceptions requiring leadership visibility

Fix the source

Repeated missing or conflicting values may require source-system or ownership changes.

Fix the workflow

Repeated delays may require clearer handoffs, capacity, deadlines, or escalation.

Fix the automation

Repeated technical or model exceptions may require better rules, evaluation, or fallback.

11 / ACCEPTANCE & HANDOVER

What must be true before the queue is approved

The client accepts the queue when representative happy paths, failures, conflicts, delays, permissions, approvals, notifications, and recovery scenarios behave as agreed.

Acceptance area	Evidence required	Approval role
Creation	Every approved trigger creates one traceable exception without duplication	Workflow owner
Routing	Category, priority, owner, and next review time follow approved rules	Business owners
Evidence	Record, source links, before values, and issue details are inspectable	Data owner
Permissions	Unauthorised actions are blocked, logged, and surfaced	Security owner
Release gates	Consequential work cannot continue without named approval	Business sponsor
Notifications	Approved channels alert correctly without losing queue ownership	Workflow owner
Recovery	Safe retries, fallbacks, stop conditions, and escalations are verified	System owner
Closure	Decision, person, time, reason, evidence, and before/after state remain	Business and QA

Handover package

Queue configuration

Categories, priorities, states, owners, thresholds, views, and release rules.

Operating guidance

How to triage, resolve, snooze, escalate, verify, close, and report exceptions.

Technical runbook

Detection, retries, fallbacks, logs, notifications, monitoring, and recovery steps.

Final principle

A reliable operating layer does not pretend exceptions will disappear. It makes them visible, owned, reviewable, and resolvable without allowing automation or AI to guess past missing evidence or human authority.

Representative sign-off

Role	Name	Decision	Date
Business sponsor	________________	Approve / revise	____________
Workflow owner	________________	Approve / revise	____________
Data owner	________________	Approve / revise	____________
System owner	________________	Approve / revise	____________