

Self-certification of extenuating circumstances extended for all students taking assessments in 2019/20

Students can apply for [Extenuating Circumstances](#) (ECs) when there are exceptional factors outside of their control which can adversely affect their performance during assessments.

On 24 April 2020, Senate approved an extraordinary temporary change to the *Regulations for Extenuating Circumstances*. This emergency protocol will operate for the remaining part of the 2019/20 academic year. Depending on the developing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, this may be retained for a longer period.

During the Covid-19 pandemic students have been advised to engage with their studies online. They have been informed that if they are ill or cannot engage online for significant logistical reasons they should submit an application for ECs, but that this does not need to be accompanied by evidence.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the University has agreed to introduce self-certification of extenuating circumstances to include all students at FHEQ levels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. This will apply to all types of assessment.

There is no limit on the number of self-certificated ECs applications. However, students who submit repeated applications may be referred to the [Procedure for Support to Study](#).

Self-certificated ECs applications should be submitted in advance of the assessment deadline. However, the deadline for self-certificated applications has been exceptionally extended to 5 working days after the assessment deadline.

Applications received after the deadline will require supporting evidence showing why it was not possible to notify the University prior to the deadline or the event or at the time of the event (in accordance with the existing requirements – section 32 of the [Regulations for ECs](#)).

Students are advised that the submission of ECs applications could affect their academic progression and could result in their programme being suspended. They are advised to seek advice from their [Academic Hive](#) and/or the [Students' Union](#) prior to the submissions of applications.

Further information on the ECs process is available via the [MySurrey.website](#).