

A1: Regulations for taught programmes

Amendment

Academic year 2016/17

Compensation

At its meeting on 7 February 2017, Senate agreed to amend the regulations in respect of compensation with immediate effect for this academic year to allow all students who are eligible for compensation to have compensation applied without the need to resit. Level 5, 6, and 7 students should be offered the opportunity to decline compensation and to resit the failed unit(s) of assessment.

Following the decision of Senate, it has been agreed that, given that an amendment is being made to the regulations mid-year, if a level 4 student feels that they would be disadvantaged by this change they should be given the opportunity to resit if they request it. The resit option for Level 4 students will only apply for the 2016/17 academic year as for next year the regulations will be revised to reflect the Senate decision.

The following regulations for 2016/17 relating to compensation are effected by the Senate amendment; deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~, new text in **bold**.

Submission of coursework

125. Students following taught programmes are required to submit coursework units of assessment (including project and other reports and dissertations) on time and in accordance with the arrangements published in the handbook for the relevant programme. Arrangements for the submission of Master's dissertations are described in Regulations 136-161 below. Where a unit of assessment has not been submitted **at a first attempt** and there are no confirmed extenuating circumstances, compensation will not be available **at that point** for that module. **In such cases compensation will only be available after a re-submission.**

Deferred assessment

165. Where an **undergraduate** student ~~who is not in the final year of an undergraduate programme or an Integrated Masters programme~~ takes one or more deferred units of assessment in a module, and fails one or more of these, ~~since they are deferred units the student is not eligible for compensation to be applied~~ **compensation can be applied if the criteria are met. If the student is not eligible for compensation they** ~~The student must therefore~~ submit for reassessment in those units of assessment at the next University-approved assessment or reassessment point, subject to the limits on progression set out in Regulation 116 above.
166. Where a taught postgraduate student has taken a deferred assessment, in one module only, at the University-approved reassessment point for their programme, and they have failed that module, ~~the student is not eligible for compensation to be applied~~ **compensation can be applied if the criteria are met. If the student is not eligible for compensation they** ~~and~~ must submit for reassessment in the relevant units of assessment for that module at the next University-approved assessment or reassessment point.

Failure to attend for assessment/examination

173. Where a student has failed an assessment, or reassessment, for a module through failing to attend a required examination, or by attending a required examination but not making (in the judgement of the Board of Examiners) a reasonable attempt to address the examination questions, and there are no confirmed extenuating circumstances, the student has failed that unit of assessment **at that attempt** and will be given a mark of zero. If the attempt was the first attempt and the student fails the module overall as a consequence, they may not progress without reassessment,

as described in Regulation 169 above, and ~~will not be entitled to compensation for that module~~ **compensation will only be available after a reassessment.**

Compensation

- 188 Compensation ~~is only available following reassessment~~ and is not available to students who have not failed a module. Compensation is not available for core modules.
- 190 Where compensation is applied, the mark recorded for the compensated module and that which is used in calculating the module mark overall, is the aggregate module mark, including the mark awarded for the failed unit(s) of assessment. Where a student has passed a module through the application of compensation their transcript shows that they have passed following ~~reassessment~~ and the application of compensation. ~~A student cannot choose to reject compensation~~

Students have the option to decline compensation and attempt a reassessment. If a student passes the reassessment the mark awarded is the pass mark and the compensation remains declined. If a student fails the reassessment, compensation is applied using the original mark or the reassessment mark, whichever is the higher. If a student who wishes to attempt a reassessment subsequently does not re-submit coursework or fails to attend an examination compensation is applied using the original mark. Once the deadline for declining compensation has passed a student cannot subsequently request a reassessment.

Undergraduate programmes

- 191 Compensation is available following ~~reassessment~~ **a failure at the first attempt** for failed units of assessment in modules with a value up to and including 30 credits in the first year of a programme. In subsequent years, compensation is available for modules with a value up to and including 15 credits. Compensation is not available where, ~~after reassessment~~ the student has an overall mark for the module of less than 30% (modules at FHEQ levels 4-6) or 40% (modules at FHEQ level 7). Circumstances that can affect eligibility for compensation are described in Regulation 173 above.

Final year undergraduate students: availability of compensation

- ~~194. Where a final year undergraduate student has failed a module that is not a core module with a mark that is eligible for compensation within the terms set out in Regulations 191-193 above, compensation is available without the requirement to submit for reassessment. Once awarded, compensation cannot be refused (rescinded) by the student other than where there are confirmed extenuating circumstances that entitle the student to be re-assessed.~~

Taught postgraduate programmes

195. Where, ~~after reassessment~~, a student following a taught postgraduate programme has failed module(s) with a value of 15 credits and
- the weighted level aggregate of all the student's taught module marks (including the failed module(s)) is 55% or higher, and
 - the lowest overall mark achieved in a failed module is 40% or more (30% in a failed FHEQ level 6 module)
- the student is eligible for compensation.