

Summary of reassessment options

The table covers the position after the June exam boards, for the majority of programmes, where reassessment is set in the summer. For programmes where reassessment is set at other times, alternative arrangements may be in place.

The amount of assessment required to be completed to qualify for an award or to satisfy progress requirements has been amended for 2019-20 (generally 65% of relevant assessment is required – see main No Detriment policy). Reassessment that is **available** may therefore not need to be completed.

Reassessment opportunities will be made available to a wider than normal population of students. This is to reflect the fact that for a range of reasons students may not be able to complete assessment in the period affected by Covid-19 or their performance in such assessment may be impacted. Students should be advised to consider carefully the amount of reassessment to be completed. Final-year honours and integrated masters degree students who are eligible for award have the option of sitting a full resit of the April/May exam diet but it is recommended that they should only opt for this where they were unable to sit the first diet of assessment or they believe their overall performance was significantly affected as a result of Covid-19.

As usual, eligibility for reassessment extends only to components not identified in course documentation as exempt from reassessment (this is where assessment has been judged not to be replicable, e.g. labs, groupwork projects).

Programmes with professional/accreditation requirements may have different arrangements.

Meaning of ‘first diet’ and ‘second diet’ and implications for Grade Point Average

The tables indicate whether reassessment will be treated as a first diet or second diet. This refers to the way that the overall course grade contributed to by the assessment will be recorded on the student transcript.

The No Detriment policy sets out the way that grade point average should be calculated from assessment completed in 2019-20. In particular, it states that in relation to assessment completed within the period affected by the Covid-19 pandemic (that is, after 15 March), grade point average will be determined by the results achieved in individual **components of assessment**. This differs from the normal approach where the GPA is calculated by combining the grade points associated with **overall course results**. This has particular significance in relation to masters degrees and postgraduate certificates and diplomas where only results achieved at the first attempt can count towards eligibility for the award of merit and distinction. In order to be considered as a ‘first diet GPA’ for this purpose, only the following may be included in the calculation:

- Components of assessment taken by 15 March as a first attempt (- all of which must be included in the baseline GPA)
- Components of assessment taken after 15 March as a first attempt (e.g. coursework submitted for the first time in April 2020, exams taken for the first time during the April/May assessment diet)
- Components taken after 15 March that are being treated as a first diet (components taken by 15 March in relation to which good cause

had been accepted, and components listed under 'Additional opportunities available' on masters, PG Diploma and PG Certificate programmes).

A GPA calculated by including any components of assessment that are a second attempt cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for the award of merit or distinction.

L1, L2		
All courses	No reassessment available (covers MV, CW and courses where overall course grade is below D3).	
Level 3 non-honours		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as
Courses where no 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available (where student not graduated in June):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components with good cause accepted - Courses where overall course grade < D3 (includes where result = CW) – all components available for reassessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st diet - 2nd diet
Courses where some or all 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available (where student not graduated in June):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components by 15 March where good cause accepted - Courses where overall course grade < D3 (includes where result = CW) <u>Additional opportunities available</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students may elect to be assessed in any assessment component (exams and/or coursework) scheduled after 15 March, irrespective of whether they attempted that component at first diet and irrespective of the component result or overall course result achieved if they attempted it. <p>This opportunity exists for students who are eligible for award in June who decline the award as well as for those who are not yet eligible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st diet - 1st diet where ONLY components originally scheduled after 15 March are repeated; 2nd diet where ANY components originally scheduled by 15 March are repeated. - 1st diet

Honours/integrated masters - Continuing students		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as
Courses where no 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components with good cause accepted 	- 1 st diet
Courses where some or all 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components by 15 March where good cause accepted <u>Additional opportunities available</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students may elect to be assessed in any assessment component (exams and/or coursework) scheduled after 15 March, irrespective of whether they attempted that component at first diet and irrespective of the component result or overall course result achieved if they attempted it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st diet - 1st diet
Honours/integrated masters – Final year students: Eligible to graduate		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as
Courses where no 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>No opportunities available</u>	
Courses where some or all 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Additional opportunities available:</u> Student may decline award and elect to undertake a full repeat of the exams taken at April/May exam diet.	- 1 st diet
Honours/integrated masters – Final year students: Not yet eligible to graduate		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as
Courses where no 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components with good cause accepted 	- 1 st diet

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Postgraduate taught masters: award not made until autumn exam board		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as²⁸
<p>Courses where no 1st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March</p>	<p><u>Normal opportunities available:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components with good cause accepted - Courses where overall course grade < C3 (includes where result = CW) – all components available for reassessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st diet - 2nd diet
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²⁸ See note above regarding calculation of GPA for merit/distinction

Postgraduate taught Certificates/Diplomas		
	Reassessment available	Reassessment treated as ²⁹
Courses where no 1 st diet assessment scheduled after 15 March	<u>Normal opportunities available:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components with good cause accepted - Courses where overall course grade < D3 (includes where result = CW) – all components available for reassessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st diet - 2nd diet
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Possible further assessment/reassessment opportunities after summer assessment period

Any courses where good cause had been accepted prior to 15 March and the relevant component(s) have not yet been retaken should remain recorded as MV. In advising students on whether such outstanding assessments should be completed, the overall burden of assessment in the subsequent year should be taken into account.

By the time of the autumn Exam Boards most students will have had the following opportunities within the period covered by the No Detriment policy:

- In relation to assessment first scheduled by 15 March where the student was eligible for reassessment: one reassessment opportunity in the summer including the August exam diet
- In relation to assessment first scheduled after 15 March: first diet in the spring and reassessment opportunity in the summer including the August exam diet.

The opportunities falling within this period are all considered as potentially impacted by adverse circumstances. Therefore, while it is anticipated that students will have had sufficient opportunity to satisfy the amended requirements for award of a degree, as set out in the No Detriment policy, it is possible that some will believe that their overall ability to demonstrate their best performance has been compromised. Students who are eligible for a degree who are considering declining the award should be made aware that this may have significant implications (e.g. funding, visas, as well as potential changes to course content and availability, and a delayed date of award).

The opportunities for further assessment after the summer assessment period are set out below:

Programme		Further assessment opportunities available after August	
Honours/integrated masters programme	Students who rejected an award in June and took the full exam resit diet in August	No further assessment opportunities available.	Students will either accept the better award resulting from either of the two exam diets or may ask to be considered for an unclassified honours degree.
	Students who rejected an award in June and were unable to resit the full exam resit diet in August Students who remain ineligible for the degree	May be offered a further attempt at a later date where practicable. This opportunity may be limited by circumstances e.g. the scheduling of exams and possible non-running or change of content of courses in 2020-21.	Eligible students may accept the June award or may ask to be considered for an unclassified honours degree.

<p>PGT and ordinary/DD degree</p>	<p>Students who are eligible for the degree and who had completed $\geq 65\%$ of assessment by 15 March</p> <p>Students eligible for the degree who had completed $< 65\%$ of assessment by 15 March and all assessment included in final GPA was equal to or above the baseline</p>	<p>No further assessment opportunities available</p>	<p>Students to accept the offered degree</p>
	<p>Students who are eligible for the degree whose final GPA includes component results that were below the baseline GPA</p> <p>Students who remain ineligible for the degree</p>	<p>Further assessment opportunities may be offered at a later date where practicable. Assessment opportunities may be limited by circumstances e.g. the scheduling of exams. and possible non-running or change of content of courses in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Eligible students may accept the offered degree or decline offer and complete later assessment.</p>
<p>Honours/integrated masters and PGT</p>	<p>Continuing students who have completed $\geq 65\%$ of the assessment associated with the year</p>	<p>Exceptional assessment opportunities offered over the summer 2020 that were not taken up should be considered no longer available unless the School considers another opportunity desirable and practicable.</p>	
	<p>Continuing students who have completed $< 65\%$ of the assessment associated with the year</p>	<p>Students' situation should be considered on a case-by-case basis as to whether deficit can be made up through further assessment or whether a full repeat of the year's assessment is required.</p>	