

Exceptional regulations for summer 19/20: Progression for Taught Postgraduate Students and Research Degrees with a taught element

Due to COVID-19, the University of Nottingham has taken the decision not to hold examinations in the summer exam period that require students to be present on campus, and many other items of assessment will need to be altered. These regulations should be read in conjunction with all existing regulations, as well as the Exceptional regulations on Extenuating Circumstances, Assessment and Classification. These regulations apply to all students who are being considered for Progression on their programme of study in the summer of 2020. We will keep these regulations under review and may extend the period further.

PG1. The Exceptional Regulations for Assessment make provision for cases where because of the cancelling of assessment due to COVID-19, a module will be missing marks, and neither part for whole nor substitute assessment are available. These are defined as COVID-incomplete modules.

PG2. When determining whether to allow a student to progress, Schools are asked to ignore up to 40 credits of COVID-incomplete modules (this may include non-compensatable modules).

PG3. Where a student has more than 40 credits of COVID-incomplete modules, a case must be put to Quality and Standards Committee (QSC) to determine their progression.

PG4. It is recognised that those courses with Professional Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) requirements may need to make more stringent arrangements, first receiving guidance from the relevant PSRB Board. PSRB requirements will, in all cases, be in addition to the regulations laid out here. Schools under a PSRB should apply the regulations above unless they are in tension with PSRB requirements.

Existing Progression regulations should then be applied on a pro rata basis.

Regulation 11 Completion of a Stage, of the 'Taught Masters Degrees, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate courses with effect from 2019-20' can be found here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/academic-services/quality-manual/assessment-and-awards/taught-masters-degrees-pgdips-and-pgcert-courses-wef-2019.aspx>

Regulation 11* would be applied in its place as follows:

11*. A student who fails one or more modules for the taught stage of the course will still complete that stage and so be awarded the total credit for that stage provided that, when COVID-incomplete modules are discounted:

- they have passed modules worth at least two-thirds of credits, and
- they have a weighted average for the taught stage of at least 50% with no module marks of less than 40%

Notwithstanding the above, **module marks below 40% for up to 20 credits will be compensated** if the student has passed modules worth at least 80 credits and has a weighted average of at least 50%. This should be scaled pro-rata. Thus, if 20 credits of modules are COVID-incomplete, **module marks below 40% for up to 20 credits will be compensated** if the student has passed modules worth at least 60 credits and has a weighted average of at least 50%.