

## Update to Force Majeure regulations – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Under Academic Regulation S3, the Chair of Academic Board may formally invoke mitigating processes in response to circumstances where University's business has been significantly disrupted by force majeure. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Steve West formally invoked mitigating processes as a result of the significant disruption to teaching and assessment arising from the escalation of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK and internationally.

In May 2020, following further consideration of the impact of the disruption on students arising from Covid-19, Steve West agreed to amendments to the Force Majeure regulations to bring forward planned changes to remove capping from the regulations as had been agreed at Academic Board in December 2019. These changes are set out below:

Original 2019/20 Regulations	Force Majeure Regulations	Changes to Force Majeure Regulations approved in May 2020
<p><b>G3. Marks capping – general information</b></p> <p>Capping is the restriction of a mark gained when resitting or retaking. It can be applied at all levels.</p> <p>Once a mark is capped, it cannot be uncapped.</p>	<p><b>G3. Marks capping – general information</b></p> <p>As left</p>	<p><b>G3. Marks capping – general information</b></p> <p>Capping is the restriction of a mark gained when resitting or retaking. It can be applied at all levels.</p> <p>Once a mark is capped, it cannot be uncapped.</p>

<p>The actual mark achieved for a capped module is recorded on a student's Certificate of Credit.</p>		<p>The actual mark achieved for a capped module is recorded on a student's Certificate of Credit.</p> <p>Following the changes introduced arising from Force Majeure disruption to all academic programmes, additional changes have been brought forward to begin removing capping from the Academic Regulations, as was agreed at Academic Board in December 2019.</p> <p>2019/20 is a transition year, where any student undertaking a module for the first time will not be capped at resit or retake, if they do not pass the module at their first or subsequent sits. Students with module marks which were capped at a field board which took place prior to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 will remain capped.</p>
<p><b>G4. Marks capping – resits</b></p> <p>Students who successfully resit a component will be capped at 40% (levels 0-3/FHEQ levels 3-6) or 50% (level M/FHEQ level 7).</p>	<p><b>G4. Marks capping – resits</b></p> <p>In addition to above: Where a Field Board confirms that a student is required to resit a component during the operation of the</p>	<p><b>G4. Marks capping – resits</b></p> <p>Where a student is resitting a module in 2019/20 where their first sit was in 2019/20:</p>

<p>If the module has two components and the student only needs to resit one, the overall module mark is partially capped. The mark for the other component is not capped.</p>	<p>force majeure regulations, the component mark will not be capped at resit unless already capped.</p>	<p>No capping will be applied to a component or module mark where a student successfully resits that component or module.</p>
<p>If a student needs to resit two components the overall module mark will be fully capped at 40% (levels 0-3/FHEQ levels 3-6) or 50% (level M/FHEQ level 7).</p>	<p>Where a component mark has already been capped by a Field Board (for example during a retake), the component mark will continue to be capped</p>	<p>For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the mark achieved by the student at resit will be the mark which is used in the calculation.</p>
<p>For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the partially or fully capped mark is the one used in the calculation.</p>		<p>Where a student is resitting a module in 2019/20 where their first sit took place prior to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019:</p>
		<p>Students who successfully resit a component will be capped at 40% (levels 0-3/FHEQ levels 3-6) or 50% (level M/FHEQ level 7).</p>
		<p>If the module has two components and the student only needs to resit one, the overall module mark is partially capped. The mark for the other component is not capped.</p>
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		<p>For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the partially</p>

		<p>or fully capped mark is the one used in the calculation.</p> <p><del>In addition to above:-</del></p> <p><del>Where a Field Board confirms that a student is required to resit a component during the operation of the force majeure regulations, the component mark will not be capped at resit unless already capped.—</del></p> <p><del>Where a component mark has already been capped by a Field Board (for example during a retake), the component mark will continue to be capped.</del></p>
<p><b>G5. Marks capping – retakes</b></p> <p>Students who successfully retake a module will be capped at 40% (levels 0-3/FHEQ levels 3-6) or 50% (level M/FHEQ level 7).</p> <p>For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the fully capped mark is the one used in the calculation.</p>	<p><b>G5. Marks capping – retakes</b></p> <p>As left</p>	<p><b>G5. Marks capping – retakes</b></p> <p>Where a student enrolled on a retake of a module and their first sit was in 2019/20:</p> <p>No capping will be applied to the module mark where a student successfully retakes that module. For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the mark achieved by the student at retake will be the mark which is used in the calculation.</p>

		<p>Where a student is retaking a module in 2019/20 and their first sit took place prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019:</p> <p>Students who successfully retake a module will be capped at 40% (levels 0-3/FHEQ levels 3-6) or 50% (level M/FHEQ level 7).</p> <p>For the purposes of classification for honours or a differential level of award, the fully capped mark is the one used in the calculation.</p>
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