

Safety net benchmark worked through examples if less than 60 credits

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Worked example 1: Undergraduate – Direct entry into level 6 where less than 60 credits have been confirmed at the University by 15 March 2020

Level	Module timing	Module	Mark	Module credits	Mark x credits	Weighted mark	Confirmed by March
6	Semester 1	3BI002	68	20	68 x 20	1,360	Y
6	Semester 1	3BI003	67	20	67 x 20	1,340	Y
6	Yearlong*	3BI001	64	40	64 x 40	2,560	N
6	Semester 2*	3BI004	55	20	55 x 20	1,100	N
6	Semester 2*	3BI005	53	20	53 x 20	1,060	N

*Semester 2 and Yearlong marks were not available before 15 March 2020

Credit-weighted *provisional benchmark* calculation for Level 6

Total weighted mark for semester 1 ÷ 40 (Total credits in semester 1 achieved at YSJ)
i.e. (1,360 + 1,340) ÷ 40

$$2,700 \div 40 = \mathbf{67.5}$$

Credit-weighted *recalculated benchmark* calculation for Level 6

Uses *provisional benchmark* (3BI002, 3BI003) plus best 20 credits taken from 3BI001

Total weighted mark for semester 1 + weighed mark for the best 20 credits from remainder of year ÷ 60
i.e. 2,700 + (64 x 20 = 1,280) = 3,980

$$3,980 \div 60 = \mathbf{66.3}$$

Credit-weighted *programme level average* calculation for Level 6

Total weighted mark ÷ 120 (credits achieved at YSJ)

$$7,420 \div 120 = \mathbf{61.8}$$

Outcome: *recalculated benchmark* of **66.3** awarded.

Rationale: Because the *provisional benchmark* is 5.7 marks higher than the *programme level average*, we would expect the School Assessment Board to award the *recalculated benchmark* of 66.3. This takes into account any scaling of modules that has taken place, the fact that alternative assessment in semester 2 has been adjusted to take into account the current circumstances, and the fact that the student may have accessed exceptional circumstances without evidence. Therefore, the poorer performance in semester 2 has to an extent been addressed through normal processes. Awarding the recalculated benchmark in this is equivalent to students who have already achieved 60 credits in the current year and started with a confirmed benchmark.

Worked example 2: Undergraduate – Direct entry into level 6 where less than 60 credits have been assessed at the University by 15 March 2020

Level	Module timing	Module	Mark	Module credits	Mark x credits	Weighted mark	Confirmed by March
6	Semester 1	3BI002	68	20	68 x 20	1,360	Y
6	Semester 1	3BI003	67	20	67 x 20	1,340	Y
6	Yearlong*	3BI001	64	40	64 x 40	2,560	N
6	Semester 2*	3BI004	63	20	63 x 20	1,260	N
6	Semester 2*	3BI005	67	20	67 x 20	1,340	N

*Semester 2 and Yearlong marks were not available before 15 March 2020

Credit-weighted <i>provisional benchmark</i> calculation for Level 6	
Total weighted mark for semester 1 ÷ 40 (Total credits in semester 1 achieved at YSJ) i.e. (1,360 + 1,340) ÷ 40	
$2,700 \div 40 =$	67.5

Credit-weighted <i>recalculated benchmark</i> calculation for Level 6	
Uses <i>provisional benchmark</i> (3BI002, 3BI003) plus best 20 credit taken from 3BI005 Total weighted mark for semester 1 + weighed mark for the best 20 credits from remainder of year ÷ 60 i.e. $2,700 + (67 \times 20 = 1,340) = 4,040$	
$4,040 \div 60 =$	67.3

Credit-weighted <i>programme level average</i> calculation for Level 6	
Total weighted mark ÷ 120 (credits achieved at YSJ)	
$7,860 \div 120 =$	65.5

Outcome: *provisional benchmark* of **67.5** awarded.

Rationale: The *provisional benchmark* is 0.2 above the *recalculated benchmark* and 2.0 above the programme level average. Taking into account scaling (and other normal moderation), alternative assessment, and application of exceptional circumstances, the difference in performance does not appear to be significant, therefore the *provisional benchmark* stands.

Worked example 3: Postgraduate – Direct entry into level 6 where less than 60 credits have been assessed at the University by 15 March 2020

Level	Module timing	Module	Mark	Module credits	Mark x credits	Weighted mark	Confirmed by March
7	Semester 1	MPR231	68	20	68 x 20	1,360	Y
7	Semester 1-2*	MMU005	67	40	67 x 40	2,680	N
7	Yearlong*	MMU006	64	120	64 x 120	7,680	N

*Semester 1-2 and Yearlong marks were not available before 15 March 2020

Credit-weighted <i>provisional benchmark</i> calculation for Level 6	
Total weighted mark for semester 1 ÷ 20 (Total credits in semester 1) i.e. 1,360 ÷ 20	
$1,360 \div 20 =$	68

Credit-weighted <i>recalculated benchmark</i> calculation for Level 6	
Uses <i>provisional benchmark</i> (MPR231) plus best 40 credit taken from MMU005	
Total weighted mark for semester 1 + weighed mark for the best 40 credits from remainder of year ÷ 60 i.e. 1,360 + (67 x 40 = 2,680) = 4,040	
$4,040 \div 60 =$	67.3

Credit-weighted <i>programme level average</i> calculation for Level 6	
Total weighted mark ÷ 180	
$11,720 \div 180 =$	65.1

Outcome: *provisional benchmark* of **68** awarded.

Rationale: The provisional benchmark is 0.7 above the recalculated benchmark and 2.9 above the programme level average. Taking into account scaling (and other normal moderation), alternative assessment, and application of exceptional circumstances, the difference in performance does not appear to be significant, therefore the provisional benchmark stands.