

Section 32 Postgraduate and graduate progression

32.1 Progression

- 32.1.1 Postgraduate and graduate programmes are not normally subject to progression requirements. In those cases where a progression requirement has been approved for a programme, the progression rule is stated in the programme specification.
- 32.1.2 As postgraduate and graduate study is completed at a single stage compensation can only be applied, if necessary, once all the modules have been completed for the programme, with the exception of those programmes with additional progression points as stated in the programme specification.
- 32.1.3 Postgraduate students in Level 7 and Level 8 who fail their progression requirement are not permitted a third attempt for a failed module(s), unless approval is granted by the Special Cases Panel or the Appeals and Conduct Committee.

32.2 Recommendations to repeat study

- 32.2.1 There is no automatic right to repeat study for postgraduate or graduate programmes of study.
- 32.2.2 Repeat study may only be recommended where a student is able to complete their studies within the maximum period of study.
- 32.2.3 In appropriate circumstances, the University may grant a postgraduate or graduate student the right to repeat study. This decision will usually be made where the student provides evidence that the original period of study was affected by serious exceptional circumstances.
- 32.2.4 Decisions on repeating the study are made either by the University Assessment Board through its Special Cases Panel, through the Appeals and Conduct Committee, or by such other mechanism as the University may put in place.
- 32.2.5 The School Assessment Board (SAB) can make a recommendation to the Special Cases Panel to vary a decision it would otherwise take in relation to a student's record, on the basis that the student was affected by exceptional circumstances at the relevant time. Evidence of exceptional circumstances is required.
- 32.2.6 The SAB completes the 'Application for Special Cases' form and returns the form with the supporting evidence to the Special Cases Panel. The SAB should clearly state if the level is to be repeated for capped or uncapped marks.
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- 32.2.7 The deadline for receipt of paperwork by the Special Cases Panel is detailed in [section 44.3](#).
- 32.2.8 A repeat will only be approved if the student is current. That is, the record has not been voluntarily withdrawn or the student's enrolment has not been withdrawn due to academic failure. In such cases the student would need to follow the 'Appeals Policy' and procedure. The 'Appeals Policy' and procedure requires the student to provide evidence of exceptional circumstances affecting their academic performance up to that point (refer to [section 48](#)).
- 32.2.9 Module marks from previous study may still be shown on the student's transcript. These marks would be shown as voided but these will not be used for progress or award calculations.
- 32.2.10 Information relating to the process for repeating individual modules is detailed in [section 15](#).