

Section 37 Aegrotat and posthumous awards

37.1 Aegrotat awards

- 37.1.1 In exceptional cases if a student is prevented by illness from completing a taught award, an unclassified Aegrotat award may be awarded by the University Assessment Board on the recommendation of the Chair of the School Assessment Board, or nominated representative, provided that:
- a) The student has fulfilled specified enrolment requirements, including the payment of relevant fees.
 - b) There is evidence that the student's attainment is such as to merit the award.
 - c) The award does not lead to an accredited professional qualification.
 - d) The University Assessment Board is satisfied that the student is unlikely to be able to return to complete their studies and that this award is the only option.
 - e) The student consents to this award having been provided with advice on the nature of the award being offered.
 - f) The external examiner supports the recommendation.

- 37.1.2 Schools are required to keep a record of all discussions with the student regarding the possibility of awarding an aegrotat and the considerations the student should consider when making this decision.

37.2 Posthumous awards

- 37.2.1 Posthumous awards may be made by the University Assessment Board for undergraduate and taught postgraduate students on the recommendation of the Chair of the School Assessment Board, or nominated representative, and with the support of the external examiner, and upon such evidence as the Board requires.

Posthumous awards may be made by the Research Degrees Examination Panel for professional doctorate students and research degree candidates on the recommendation of the main supervisor and with the support of the School Research Lead and upon such evidence as the Panel requires.

Criteria are not specified; each case is considered on its merits.

The University Assessment Board and Research Degrees Examination Panel have discretion to make the posthumous award for which the candidate was aiming, irrespective of the point reached in the programme of study. It may be classified or an Aegrotat award.