Appendix 15: PG CPD study to PG Cert award

1. This appendix relates to the detailed assessment criteria for:
   - Postgraduate study within the CPD framework aiming towards an award of Postgraduate Certificate, at
   - The close of the main assessment period or after supplementary assessments.

2. The following abbreviations and rules apply in these detailed criteria (for fuller descriptions see: Appendix 2: Definitions):
   - DPA = dissertation/project average.
   - LCR = learning contract units awaiting re-assessment.
   - LCU = learning contract units.
   - OPA = overall programme average.
   - TSA = taught-stage(s) average.
   - P1 = “passed 1st attempt” and means ≥ 40%.
   - P2 = “passed 2nd attempt” - see Appendix 7: Supplementary assessment.

3. The following detailed assessment criteria will be applied in sequence at the end of each round of assessments, whether main or supplementary, in respect of compulsory or optional/elective units (but excluding extra-curricular units) that form part of the agreed programme of study.

4. After due consideration of the results by the Board of Examiners for Programmes and in the absence of any relevant individual mitigating circumstances, a student who has not exceeded the permitted period of study and:
   a. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits, may be allowed to choose whether to seek to register for a higher award (e.g., PG Diploma, Master degree).
   b. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits and has an overall programme average (OPA) of at least 70.00%, will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate with distinction.
   c. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits and has an overall programme average (OPA) of at least 60.00%, will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate with merit.
   d. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits, will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate.
   e. Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits, may be allowed to choose whether to continue with the existing programme of study, or to seek to transfer to another programme or to withdraw, if/as appropriate.
   f. Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits and wishes to continue with the existing programme of study, and has no more than 12 credits’ worth of failed units (not P1) awaiting supplementary assessment, may proceed to the study of further units but will be required to take supplementary assessment in each failed unit.
   g. Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits and wishes to continue with the existing programme of study, but has more than 12 credits’ worth of failed units (not P1) awaiting supplementary assessment, will be
required to take supplementary assessment in each failed unit, with a view then to qualifying to proceed to the study of further units.

5. The above decision-making process is illustrated as a flowchart below in Figure 12.
Figure 12: PG CPD study to PG Cert award

START (decision point for all units taken so far)

30 LCU credits of units P1/P2

Yes

Student wishes to pursue greater award?

Transfer to greater programme if/as appropriate

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No

Consideration of other routes: e.g., transfer to another programme, withdrawal

Student wishes to continue?

Yes

≤ 12 LCR credits?

Yes

Continue with programme incl. supp. assmt in each failed unit

OPA ≥ 70.00%

Yes

PG Cert with distinction

No

PG Cert with merit

OPA ≥ 60.00%

Yes

No

Review for error

OPA ≥ 40.00%

Yes

No

PG Cert (Pass)

Supp. assmt in each failed unit

Next decision point, in due course

Transfer/withdraw if/as appropriate

END

No

30 LCU credits of units P1/P2

No

Consideration of options to transfer this study into a greater award: e.g., PG Dip, Master degree

Yes

Student wishes to pursue greater award?