## Appendix 17: PG CPD study to Master award

- 1. This appendix relates to the detailed assessment criteria for:
  - Postgraduate study within the CPD framework aiming towards an award of Master degree, 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 90 credits, and has all of (i) an overall programme average (OPA) of at least 70.00%, (ii) a dissertation/project average (DPA) of at least 70.00%, and (iii) a taught stage(s) average (TSA) of at least 60.00%, will be awarded the degree of Master with distinction.
  - b. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 90 credits, and has all of (i) an overall programme average (OPA) of at least 60.00%, (ii) a dissertation/project average (DPA) of at least 60.00%, and (iii) a taught stage(s) average (TSA) of at least 50.00%, will be awarded the degree of Master with merit.
  - c. Has passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 90 credits and has both a dissertation/project average (DPA) of at least 40.00% and an overall programme average (OPA) of at least 40.00%, will be awarded the degree of Master.
  - d. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 90 credits, may be allowed to choose whether to continue with the existing programme of study, or to be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate, as appropriate, or to seek to transfer to another programme or to withdraw, if/as appropriate.
  - e. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 90 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.

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- f. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in all learning contract units (LCU) worth 90 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.
- g. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 credits, may be allowed to choose whether to continue with the existing programme of study, or to be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate, or to seek to transfer to another programme or to withdraw, if/as appropriate.
- h. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 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.
- i. Has passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 30 credits but has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in learning contract units (LCU) worth 60 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.
- **j.** Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in 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.
- k. Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in 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.
- I. Has not yet passed (P1 or P2) in 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 9.

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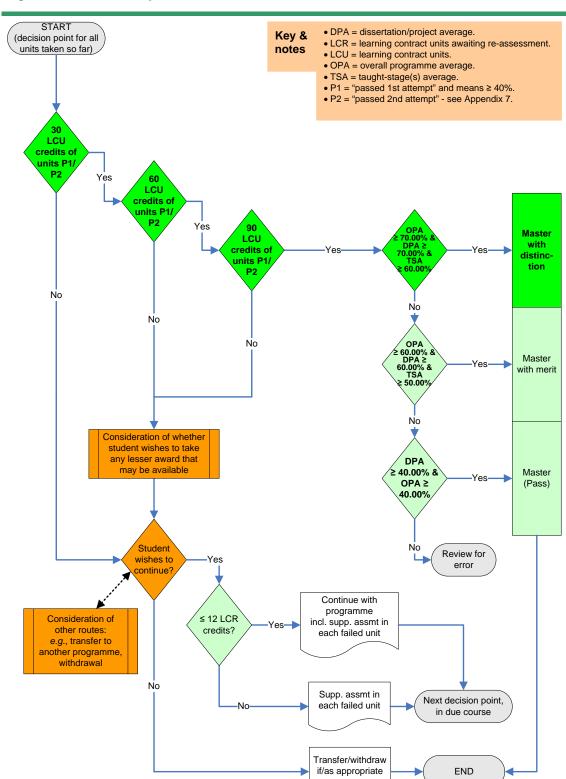


Figure 9: PG CPD study to Master award

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