

Appendix 11: BEP IMC-related Part 3 award classification scenarios/boundaries (non-CPD)

1. This appendix illustrates the tools which can be used to help determine whether a student's classification should be promoted from that which is indicated by the actual marks achieved.
2. The spreadsheet illustration in Figure 9 shows how the marks achieved can be tabulated alongside information about the units taken to include those which are DEUs and those which are affected by IMCs.
3. Once the basic data on marks achieved are entered, along with tags for IMC-affected units, two sets of boundary information can be read off: one contributes information about what would happen if failed IMC-affected units had attracted a bare pass mark of 40%, while the other shows what would happen in the unlikely event that a passed or failed IMC-affected unit had gained a mark of 100%.
4. Using all of the available evidence, the examiners may enter in the area headed as Scenario 2 indications as to their judgement about the student's performance in the IMC-affected areas. This will contribute to the record of how the Board of Examiners for Programmes used its academic judgement, but will make no difference to the record of marks achieved.
5. All of the information used in this testing process is summarized at the end, showing how the detail would be aggregated in the particular stage-weighted context. Examples are given in Appendix 9: BEP procedures for IMC-related Part 3 award classification (non-CPD).

Figure 9: Example of BEP IMC-related Part 3 award classification scenarios/boundaries (non-CPD)

Stage-based award classification scenarios and boundaries for IMC-affected units																									
Stage		Scenario 1: Stage marks as achieved												Scenario 2: IMC units with plausible marks (manual)			Boundary 1: IMC units at 40% if failed			Boundary 2: IMC units at 100%					
Stage weighting														Manual entry of plausible alternative marks for IMC-affected units			Merging plausible marks with achieved marks			Unit marks if BACs at 40%			Unit marks if BACs at 100%		
Total stage credits (excluding Pass/Fail units)														Mark contrib to stage			Mark contrib to programme			Unit marks if BACs at 40%			Unit marks if BACs at 100%		
Unit code (if helpful)		Unit level	DEU?	Pass/Fail Unit?	Unit credits	Unit mark (%)	IMC-affected?	Unit contrib to stage	Mark contrib to stage	Mark contrib to programme	Manual entry of plausible alternative marks for IMC-affected units	Merging plausible marks with achieved marks	Mark contrib to stage	Mark contrib to programme	Unit marks if BACs at 40%	Mark contrib to stage	Mark contrib to programme	Unit marks if BACs at 100%	Mark contrib to stage	Mark contrib to programme					
1		Scenario 1: Stage marks as achieved												Scenario 2: IMC units with plausible marks (manual)			Boundary 1: IMC units at 40% if failed			Boundary 2: IMC units at 100%					
0%																									
60																									
Scenario 1																									
OSA as achieved																									
50.00%																									
0.00%																									
Scenario 2																									
OSA if manual plausible marks used for IMC units																									
50.00%																									
0.00%																									
Boundary 1																									
OSA if all IMC units 40%																									
50.00%																									
0.00%																									
Boundary 2																									
OSA if all IMC units 100%																									
50.00%																									
0.00%																									
2		Scenario 1: Stage marks as achieved												Scenario 2: IMC units with plausible marks (manual)			Boundary 1: IMC units at 40% if failed			Boundary 2: IMC units at 100%					
32%																									
60																									
Scenario 1																									
OSA as achieved																									
46.00%																									
14.98%																									
Scenario 2																									
OSA if manual plausible marks used for IMC units																									
50.00%																									
18.00%																									
Boundary 1																									
OSA if all IMC units 40%																									
47.00%																									
15.04%																									
Boundary 2																									
OSA if all IMC units 100%																									
65.00%																									
20.80%																									
3		Scenario 1: Stage marks as achieved												Scenario 2: IMC units with plausible marks (manual)			Boundary 1: IMC units at 40% if failed			Boundary 2: IMC units at 100%					
68%																									
60																									
Scenario 1																									
OSA as achieved																									
40.50%																									
32.90%																									
Scenario 2																									
OSA if manual plausible marks used for IMC units																									
50.50%																									
34.34%																									
Boundary 1																									
OSA if all IMC units 40%																									
40.50%																									
32.90%																									
Boundary 2																									
OSA if all IMC units 100%																									
60.50%																									
41.14%																									

Programme summary				
The table on the right will be automatically completed for all of the relevant stages, weightings, unit details, and marks entered in the stage grids above.				
Some validation checks for data entry are provided below (next page).				
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Boundary 1	Boundary 2
Stage 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stage 2	14.98%	16.00%	15.04%	20.80%
Stage 3	32.98%	34.34%	32.98%	41.14%
OPA	47.96%	50.34%	48.02%	61.94%

IMPORTANT NOTES:
Scenario 1 represents actual marks achieved
Scenario 2 represents outcomes which might plausibly have been achieved by the student in the judgement of the examiners, for the purpose of testing proximity to classification boundaries - not for changing or recording other marks
Boundary 1 represents actual marks achieved where not affected by IMCs, or uniform marks of 40% where units were affected by IMCs and show an achieved mark <40%
Boundary 2 represents actual marks achieved where not affected by IMCs, or uniform marks of 100% where units were affected by IMCs, regardless of whether the student could possibly have reached that standard in the particular unit