

## **Appendix 14: BEP IMC-related Part 4 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 12 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 Figure 11: BEP procedures for IMC-related Part 4 award classification.

Figure 12: Example of BEP IMC-related Part 4 award classification scenarios/boundaries (non-CPD)

| Award classification scenarios and boundaries for IMC-affected units |  | Scenario 1: 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% |  |  |
|--|--|-------------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|---|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Total programme credits  |  | Unit code (if helpful)        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | Manual entry of plausible alternative marks for IMC-affected units |                           |                           |   | Unit marks if IMCs at 40%              |                            |   | Unit marks if IMCs at 100%    |  |  |
| Taught stage(s) credits (TSCs)                                       |  | Unit level                    | DEU? | Pass/Fail Unit? | Unit credits | Unit mark (%) OR "Pass" OR "Fail" | IMC affected? | Unit contrib to taught stage(s) credits | Mark contrib to taught stage(s) credits | Mark contrib to programme | Merging plausible marks with achieved marks | Mark contrib to taught stage(s) credits                            | Mark contrib to programme | Unit marks if IMCs at 40% | Mark contrib to taught stage(s) credits | Mark contrib to programme              | Unit marks if IMCs at 100% | Mark contrib to taught stage(s) credits | Mark contrib to programme     |  |  |
| Total Taught stage(s) credits (excluding Pass/Fail units)            |  | 60                            |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 50%  |                           |                           |   | 40.00%                                 |                            |   | 60.00%                        |  |  |
| Scenario 1 TSA as achieved TSA                                       |  | 49.50%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 50%  |                           |                           |   | 40.00%                                 |                            |   | 60.00%                        |  |  |
| Scenario 2 TSA if manual plausible marks used for IMC units TSA      |  | 51.70%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 50%  |                           |                           |   | 40.00%                                 |                            |   | 60.00%                        |  |  |
| Boundary 1 TSA if all IMC units 40% TSA                              |  | 49.70%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 50%  |                           |                           |   | 40.00%                                 |                            |   | 60.00%                        |  |  |
| Boundary 2 TSA if all IMC units 100% TSA                             |  | 61.70%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 50%  |                           |                           |   | 40.00%                                 |                            |   | 60.00%                        |  |  |
| Master, PG Dipl or PG Cert?  |  | Master                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | Scenario 2: IMC units with plausible marks (manual)                |                           |                           |   | Boundary 1: IMC units at 40% if failed |                            |   | Boundary 2: IMC units at 100% |  |  |
| Dissert'n/project credits (DPCs)                                     |  | 30                            |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | Manual entry of plausible alternative marks for IMC-affected units |                           |                           |   | Unit marks if IMCs at 40%              |                            |   | Unit marks if IMCs at 100%    |  |  |
| Total Dissertation/project credits (excluding Pass/Fail units)       |  | 30                            |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 79%  |                           |                           |   | 79.00%                                 |                            |   | 79.00%                        |  |  |
| Scenario 1 DPA as achieved DPA                                       |  | 79.00%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 79%  |                           |                           |   | 79.00%                                 |                            |   | 79.00%                        |  |  |
| Scenario 2 DPA if manual plausible marks used for IMC units DPA      |  | 79.00%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 79%  |                           |                           |   | 79.00%                                 |                            |   | 79.00%                        |  |  |
| Boundary 1 DPA if all IMC units 40% DPA                              |  | 79.00%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 79%  |                           |                           |   | 79.00%                                 |                            |   | 79.00%                        |  |  |
| Boundary 2 DPA if all IMC units 100% DPA                             |  | 79.00%                        |      |                 |              |                                   |               |   |   |                           |   | 79%  |                           |                           |   | 79.00%                                 |                            |   | 79.00%                        |  |  |

  

| Programme summary |        | Table 1 | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2 | Boundary 1 | Boundary 2 |
|-------------------|--------|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| TSA               | 49.50% | 51.70%  | 49.70%     | 61.70%     |            |            |
| DPA               | 79.00% | 79.00%  | 79.00%     | 79.00%     |            |            |
| PG Dipl           | 79%    | 79%     | 79%        | 79%        |            |            |
| PG Cert           | 79%    | 79%     | 79%        | 79%        |            |            |

  

| Table 2 | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2 | Boundary 1 | Boundary 2 |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| PG Dipl | 79%        | 79%        | 79%        | 79%        |
| PG Cert | 79%        | 79%        | 79%        | 79%        |

  

**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.