

# Exemptions from Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations for apprenticeship courses

## Version and usage

1. This document lists the details of exemptions to the Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations (PGTAR) for apprenticeship courses agreed by the Education, Quality and Standards Committee on 6 October 2023.
2. This document is to be read in conjunction with the Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations and the relevant course specification setting out course requirements.
3. This document was updated on 19 December 2023 to cohere with PGTAR v22-23.2.
4. A document listing origins and intentions of exemptions from assessment regulations is available on request from Academic Registry.

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# Faculty of Engineering & Design

## PGCert Architectural Practice (all Student Apprentices)

Exemption from Rule A (para. 11): There are normally no barriers to progression on a postgraduate taught course.

Student Apprentices must meet Gateway progression requirements before starting the End Point Assessment (EPA) unit. Gateway progression requirements are detailed in the Architecture EPA Assessment Plan:

- Pass Practice and Project Management unit (15 ECTS credits).
- Achieve Level 2 standard in English and maths.
- Completed any formal training plan agreed with the employer.
- Confirm the employer is satisfied the Student Apprentice has achieved occupational competence and are ready to progress.

Exemption from Rule B (para. 22): Failed units may re-assessed but study will not be repeated.

Student Apprentices may be required to engage in further study prior to taking reassessment for the End Point Assessment unit.

Exemption from Rule C (para. 27): Students will only take reassessment in failed assessment(s) within a failed unit.

Where a Student Apprentice fails the End Point Assessment unit and takes reassessment within 6 months, they will be reassessed only in those assessment items which they failed.

Where a Student Apprentice fails the End Point Assessment unit and does not take reassessment within 6 months, the Student Apprentice must then take reassessment in all assessment items contributing to the End Point Assessment unit.

Exemption from Award Rules (para. 43): The Overall Course Average (OCA) is the credit-weighted average of the marks from all units required to contribute to the award. The OCA is calculated and presented to two decimal places.

Practice and Project Management unit carries 15 ECTS credits but is zero weighted for the purposes of calculating the Overall Course Average.

## Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

### MSc Clinical Associate in Psychology (all Student Apprentices)

Exemption from Rule A (para. 11): There are normally no barriers to progression on a postgraduate taught course.

Student Apprentices must meet Gateway progression requirements before starting the End Point Assessment (EPA) unit. Gateway progression requirements are detailed in the CAP EPA Assessment Plan:

- Pass all other MSc Clinical Associate in Psychology course units (80 ECTS credits).
- Achieve Level 2 standard in English and maths.
- Confirm the employer is satisfied the Student Apprentice has achieved occupational competence and is ready to progress.

Exemption from Rule B (para. 18): A unit is passed, and credit is awarded, when the weighted average of all summative assessments within the unit meets or exceeds the pass mark of 50%. Any additional, agreed pass requirements or thresholds for the unit must also be met and will be described in the unit specification.

The assessment items for the End Point Assessment unit comprise:

- 1) Demonstration of Practice, which is marked Pass/Fail.
- 2) Professional Discussion, which is marked Pass/Fail/Distinction.

The EPA unit mark is decided based on the marks for the summative assessments:

- If either summative assessment mark is Fail, the EPA unit mark is Fail.
- If both summative assessment marks are Pass, the EPA unit mark is Pass.
- If the mark for Demonstration of Practice is Pass and the mark for Professional Discussion is Distinction, the EPA unit mark is Distinction.

The EPA unit is passed, and credit is awarded, where the unit mark is Pass or Distinction.

Exemption from Rule B (para. 22): Failed units may re-assessed but study will not be repeated.

Students Apprentices may be required to engage in further study prior to taking reassessment for the End Point Assessment unit.

Exemption from Rule C (para. 27): Students will only take reassessment in failed assessment(s) within a failed unit.

Where a Student Apprentice fails the End Point Assessment unit and takes reassessment within the same End Point Assessment Period (detailed in the Assessment Plan), they will be reassessed only in those assessment items which they failed.

Where a Student Apprentice fails the End Point Assessment unit and does not take reassessment within the same End Point Assessment Period (detailed in the Assessment Plan), the Student Apprentice must then take reassessment in all assessment items contributing to the End Point Assessment unit.

Exemption from Rule C (para. 28): When a unit is passed following reassessment, a capped mark of 50% will be awarded for the unit and will be used in the calculation of the Overall Course Average (OCA).

**Reassessment marks for the End Point Assessment unit are not capped.**

Exemption from Award Rules (para. 43): The Overall Course Average (OCA) is the credit-weighted average of the marks from all units required to contribute to the award. The OCA is calculated and presented to two decimal places.

**End Point Assessment unit carries 10 ECTS credits but is zero weighted for the purposes of calculating the Overall Course Average.**