Exemptions from Undergraduate Assessment Regulations

Version and usage

1. This document lists the details of exemptions to the Undergraduate Assessment Regulations (UGAR) agreed by the Education, Quality and Standards Committee (EQSC).

2. This document replaces any previously published exemptions documents associated with the *New Framework for Assessment: Assessment Regulations: Phase 1 for first-degree programmes* by all undergraduate courses, from academic year 2023-24 onward.

3. This document is to be read in conjunction with the Undergraduate Assessment Regulations and the relevant course specification setting out course requirements.

4. This document was first published on **30 August 2024**. It was republished on: 22 May 2025 with corrections to course codes for MEng Civil Engineering; on 2 October 2025 to reflect name changes to Civil Engineering courses, as listed on page 2 and on 27 October 2026 to include an exemption for the UEAR-ANB14 BSc (Hons) Architecture course.

5. 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

BEng Civil Engineering (students on UEAR-AFB07, UEAR-AFB11, UEAR-AKB07 and UEAR-AKB11 course codes only)[1]
BEng Structural & Architectural Engineering (students on UEAR-AFB12 and UEAR-AKB12 course codes only)[1]

Exemption from paragraph 91b: At least 40 credits of units in the final stage must be passed.

A student must pass at least 48 credits in the final stage to be eligible for the award of BEng Civil Engineering. If they have passed less than 48 credits, they will be transferred to and considered for the award from the designated alternative course (DAC).

MEng Civil Engineering (students on UEAR-AFM07, UEAR-AFM~~12~~11, UEAR-AKM07 and UEAR-AKM~~12~~11 course codes only)[1]
MEng Civil & Architectural Engineering (students on UEAR-AFM03 and UEAR-AKM03 course codes only)[1]
MEng Structural & Architectural Engineering (students on UEAR-AFM12 and UEAR-AKM12 course codes only)[1]

Exemption from Condition D: A maximum of 20 credits may be condoned.

A maximum of 12 credits may be condoned in stage 3 (the penultimate year) of the course.

BSc Architecture (all students)

Exemption from paragraph 95a, 30 credit stage variation (Appendix 4): Pass at least 15 but less than 20 credits to be permitted re-assessment.

There is no requirement to pass at least 15 credits but less than 20 credits at the first attempt in the final stage (stage 5) to take supplementary assessment.

BSc (Hons) Architecture (students on UEAR-ANB14 course code only)

Exemption from paragraph 70, the requirement to have passed at least 30 credits before being permitted supplementary assessment does not apply in Stage 2 or Stage 3.

To allow confirmation of student performance and determine reassessment requirements at the end of Semester 1 in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 2 and 3), i.e., prior to the end of each stage.

[1] A student can check which course code applies to their course by looking on SAMIS on the web

MArch Architecture (students on TEAR-ANM38 course code only)[1].

Exemption from paragraph 95a, 30 credit stage variation (Appendix 4): Pass at least 15 but less than 20 credits to be permitted re-assessment.

There is no requirement to pass at least 15 credits but less than 20 credits at the first attempt in the final stage (stage 3) to take supplementary assessment.

School of Management

BSc Business Administration (all students)

BSc Business (students on course UMMN-ANB07 only) [2]

Exemption from paragraph 76a, 30 credit stage variation (Appendix 4): A maximum of 10 credits of supplementary assessment may be trailed to the next stage.

A student can be permitted to trail up to 12 credits of IMC affected non-MPU supplementary assessment.

BSc Business Administration (all students)

BSc Business (all students)

Agreed exemption as per Appendix 3 paragraph 2: A student is not permitted to progress more than one stage beyond the stage where requirements have not yet been met ("the trailed stage"); this includes placement/study abroad stages unless there is an agreed exemption.

Stage 1 students

A student at the end of Stage 1 who is permitted to trail IMC affected, non-MPU supplementary assessment will be permitted to progress 2 stages (to Stage 3) to take the trailed supplementary assessment at the end of Stage 3 (year 2 supplementary period).

If they do not pass the Stage 2 placement (30 credit, single unit stage), they will be required to suspend immediately. They will still take trailed assessment for stage 1 units during the year 2 supplementary period before taking supplementary assessment for the failed Stage 2 placement.

Stage 3 students

A student at the end of Stage 3 who is permitted to trail IMC affected, non-MPU supplementary assessment will be permitted to progress 2 stages (to Stage 5) to take the trailed supplementary assessment at the end of Stage 5 (year 3 supplementary period).

If they do not pass the Stage 4 placement (30 credit, single unit stage), they will be required to suspend immediately. They will still take the trailed assessment for Stage 3 units during the year 3 supplementary period before taking supplementary assessment for the failed Stage 5 placement.

Stage 4 students

A student at the end of Stage 4 who is permitted to trail IMC affected, non-MPU supplementary assessment will be permitted to progress 2 stages (to Stage 6) to take the trailed supplementary assessment during stage 6.

If they do not pass the Stage 5 placement (30 credit, single unit stage), they will be required to suspend immediately. They will then take the trailed assessment for Stage 4 units during the year 3 supplementary period before taking supplementary assessment for the failed Stage 5 placement.

Faculty of Science

BSc (Hons) Mathematics with study abroad; BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Statistics with study abroad; BSc Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science with study abroad (all students)

Exemption from paragraph 49: A student must achieve an OSA of at least 40.00% to meet the requirements of the stage.

Students must achieve an overall stage average of at least 60.00% to progress from Stage 1 to Stage 2. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be required to move to the Designated Alternative Course (DAC) as per UGAR para. 51.

MMath (Hons) Mathematics with study abroad (all students)

Exemption from paragraph 2a. of Appendix 2: Higher OSA requirements for coexistent undergraduate Masters courses.

Students must achieve an overall stage average of at least 65% to progress from Stage 1 to Stage 2. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be required to move to the Designated Alternative Course (DAC) as per UGAR para. 51.

MPhys (Hons) Physics with a research placement (all students)

Exemption from paragraph 42: A student is permitted to progress to the next stage once the requirements of the current stage have been met.

A student will be permitted to progress from the penultimate to the final stage of the course with up to 24 credits of supplementary assessment outstanding. All outstanding supplementary assessment must be attempted by the end of the research placement and prior to Semester 2 of the final stage.

If a student does not pass the outstanding supplementary assessment, they will be required to transfer to the Designated Alternative Course.

The following are non-standard approaches permitted in UGAR and set out here.

MPharm Pharmacy (all students)

Each stage of the course contains a zero-credit Must Pass Unit (MPU) that is additional to the 60 credits for the stage but must be passed to progress. The assessments for these units have non-standard pass-marks and re-assessment provisions and will be pass/fail only to meet regulatory requirements. Course specifications will contain further detail.

All Physics courses that started year 1 in 2023/24 onwards only.

Stages 1 and 2 of all Physics courses contain a zero-credit Must Pass Unit (MPU) that is additional to the 60 credits for the stage but must be passed to progress. Course specifications will contain further detail.

[2] A student can check which course code applies to their course by looking on SAMIS on the web

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

BSc (Hons) Social Work & Applied Social Studies (all students)

Exemption from paragraph 28: When a student repeats a stage it must be repeated in full and all unit marks from the previous stage attempt will be voided. Previous unit marks will not be included in full or in part when calculating the OSA. The new unit marks achieved during the repeated stage will be the outcomes recorded on the transcript and will be used in calculation of the OSA and, where applicable, the Overall Course Average (OCA).

A student who has passed a Stage 2 or a Stage 3 Social Work Practice Learning Placement unit may be exempted from repeating the placement unit if they are required to repeat the Stage. The previous unit mark(s) achieved from the placement unit(s) will stand and be used in the calculation of the OSA and, where applicable, the OCA.

Exemption from paragraph 38: A student must complete all study and assessment within the maximum period for completion of study and assessment for their course. The normal maximum period is set out in the *Regulations for Students*. Course specifications will specify any agreed course exemptions from this normal maximum.

A student who is required to take supplementary assessment for a Stage 2 or Stage 3 practice learning placement unit will be permitted to undertake that assessment outside the normal assessment periods and will not be subject to the maximum period of registration as set out in the Regulations for Students.