

New Framework for Assessment: Assessment Regulations (NFAAR) Version history



Phase 1 for undergraduate programmes (NFAAR-UG)

The *New Framework for Assessment: Assessment Regulations: Phase 1 for undergraduate programmes (NFAAR-UG)* approved by Senate on 9 April 2008 is a document designed to accommodate certain types of change which may become necessary. These might include any correction or simple clarification that is identified, editorial updating for the reporting of the granting of exemptions, and the incorporation of the results of development work agreed by the University. The following list is provided to track such events.

Version 000	9 Apr 2008: NFAAR approved by Senate.
Version 001	11 Apr 2008: One minor correction in para. 1 of each of Appendices 27, 28, 29, 30.
Version 002	28 May 2008: Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
Version 003	30 Jun 2008: Changes made in accordance with decisions taken by Senate on 11 Jun 2008, to clarify the provisions for the scaling of marks (Appendix 8), to specify revised provisions for supplementary assessment (Appendix 7), and to extend the scope of the NFAAR to include the Master of Architecture with honours programme in its classified form (<i>passim</i>), with related minor clarifications.
Version 004	17 Jul 2008: Addition to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
Version 005	2 Nov 2009: Minor revisions throughout to provide references to new principles and procedures for the consideration of Individual Mitigating Circumstances (IMCs) in relation to assessment, as approved by Senate on 21 Oct 2009. This involved: minor changes to terminology; amendment of Appendix 9; and changes to cross-references to Appendix 9.
Version 006	1 Aug 2010: Revised to be published as NFAAR-UG, separate from NFAAR-PGT which was approved by Senate on 4 Apr 2010 to extend the scope of the NFA to postgraduate taught programmes.
Version 007	1 Aug 2011: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appendix 1 (Integration of the NFAAR with University Regulation 15) and Appendix 2 (Definitions) both revised for consistency with extended scope of the NFA to included Foundation degree, Honours Year, and Continuing Professional Development framework programmes (NFAAR-FD, NFAAR-HY, NFAAR-CPD), as approved by Senate on 8 Jun 2011.2. Appendices 11–14 and 19–22 and associated text under “Award of credit” and in Appendix 2 (Definitions) under “Whole stage repeat (WSR)” revised to limit the normal availability of the opportunity to repeat a whole stage to once per stage, with effect from any stage undertaken (whether for the first or a subsequent time) in the academic year 2011/12, as approved by Senate on 8 Jun 2011.3. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
Version 008	1 Aug 2012: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.2. Appendix 1 (Integration of the NFAAR with University Regulation 15) revised for a change to Regulation 15.3(e), and also in associated text under “Assessment decision-making in general” — “Preparations”.3. Appendix 2 (Definitions) revised for minor changes relating to placement and study abroad arrangements, and also in associated text under “Assessment in the programme context” — “Standard and enhanced placements”.4. Minor revisions (<i>passim</i>) to update organizational references, roles, and nomenclature, and to cross-references to the Quality Assurance Code of Practice documents, and to web-sites, and particularly in a reference to QA16 in the text under “Assessment decision-making in general” — “Decision-making processes and responsibilities: Boards of Examiners for Programmes”.

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- Version 009 1 Jan 2013:
1. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
 2. Addition of a cross-reference to the end of Appendix 8 (Scaling of marks).
 3. Revisions in the section entitled “Assessment decision-making in general” concerning Boards of Examiners.
 4. Removal of spurious word in Appendix 6, Figure 7.
- Version 010 1 Aug 2014:
1. Extensive revisions (*passim*) to incorporate outcomes of the NFAAR-UG Review as approved by Senate on 12 June 2013 and 4 December 2013, including the following areas:
 - (a) Limited scope for trailing some failed assessments into a subsequent period of study (see especially Appendix 31);
 - (b) Revised degree award decision-making criteria for Year 1 starters in 2014/15 or later (see especially Appendices 27–30);
 - (c) Incorporation of CertHE and DiplHE exit awards (see especially Appendix 32).
 - (d) Revised progression rules for stand-alone programmes (see especially Appendices 11–14);
 - (e) New rules for retrieval after failing some supplementary assessments during suspension of study for credit only in stand-alone programmes, and clarification of rules for repeating a stage (see especially Appendix 34);
 - (f) Establishment of maximum periods of study for any given award type as the programme length plus two years, from 2014/15, through addition of Regulation 15.7 (see especially Appendix 1);
 - (g) Clarification of Designated Alternative Programme transfers as being discretionary admissions decisions, with principles for credit by condonement (see especially Appendix 33).
 - (h) Clarification of progression to placement/study abroad where a stage repeat is required (see especially Appendix 5).
 2. Revisions to update organizational references and roles, including Independent observers as defined in para. 45(b).
 3. Appendix 2 (Definitions) revised to reflect changes arising from the 2013/14 NFAAR-UG and NFAAR-PGT reviews.
 4. Appendix 8 (Scaling of marks) revised with minor clarifications.
 5. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
- Version 011 1 Dec 2015:
1. Extensive revisions (*passim*) to streamline NFA documentation, as approved by Senate on 3 June 2015, by moving non-regulatory elements from the NFA to appropriate Quality Assurance Code of Practice (QACoP) documents.
 2. Minor clarifications to Regulation 15 for cross-references and terminology, and for the application of 15.7(d)(i) in thin-sandwich programmes.
 3. Updating of assessment principles to reflect new provisions.
 4. Removal of one exemption that is no longer required in the Department of Computer Science.
- Version 012 1 Oct 2016:
1. Grey box text on title page updated.
 2. CATS equivalence reference added to mention of ECTS in Appendix 2.
 3. Two Figure-number cross-references within Figures 24 & 25 corrected, each to refer to the other Figure.
 4. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.
 5. Minor amendment to reference to Ordinary degrees in para. 87.
 6. Minor changes in para. 88 to follow minor changes in the Ordinance governing *aegrotat* awards.

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Version 013 30 Sep 2019:
1. Additions to the list of exemptions in Appendix 10.

21 February 2023:
1. Appendix 10 revised to replace the version in
the full NFAAR-UG document, and made
available separately.

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