

# Will my module mark be capped under the 2020/21 Safety-net policy?

## Non-standard undergraduate (eg nursing) and taught postgraduate programmes ONLY

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updated for clarification  
– see flagged items

This document confirms whether or not your overall module mark will be capped under the university's new [safety-net policy](#), introduced for the 2020/21 academic year for postgraduate and non-standard three term/year-long undergraduate programmes (eg nursing) concluding in November 2021. A separate version is available for standard undergraduate programmes concluding in September 2021. Select the scenario which matches your circumstances – they have been split into categories to assist: attempted all components; non-submission; late submissions, extensions and deferrals; academic offences. The notes section provides more detailed information regarding the relevant safety-net and/or [academic regulations for taught programmes/programme-specific regulations](#). For more information, please contact your [Associate Dean \(Academic\)](#).

The table shows how the safety-net policy will be applied for your first attempt, first reassessment (where the first attempt is failed), and second reassessment (where the first attempt and first reassessment are failed). As deferrals are treated as a first attempt (academic regulation: 117), please follow the "first attempt" column for how your first submission will be handled. (\*) only students enrolled on postgraduate programmes prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity (academic regulations 2019/20: 35). It is assumed that reassessments/deferrals will be taken at the next available opportunity, in accordance with academic regulations: 41, 117. As the policy is only for 2020/21, any assessments/reassessments taken in 2021/22 will be treated under the generic academic regulations, not the safety-net policy.

Scenario	Component		Overall module mark						Notes
	A	B	First attempt	First reassessment	Second * reassessment	First attempt	First reassessment	Second * reassessment	
			March 2021	June 2021	November 2021	June 2021	November 2021	2021/22	
Attempted all components									
1.	Pass	Pass or Fail	Pass	NA	NA	Pass	NA	NA	Reassessment is not permitted in an assessment component or module which has already been passed (regulation: 32)
2.	Pass	Pass or Fail	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are only applicable to the first reassessment attempt in 2020/21. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity).
3.	Fail	Fail	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are only applicable to the first reassessment attempt in 2020/21. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity).
4.	Pass	Pass or Fail	30-39%	Uncapped	Capped	30-39%	Uncapped	Capped	UG only: If you have no module failure below 30%, have reassessment opportunities available and are not at your expected point of graduation, you may be reassessed in a compensated module (regulations: 21 , 22, 44 – also see your programme-specific regulations)
Non-submission of one or more components									
5.	Pass	Non-submission	Pass	NA	NA	Pass	NA	NA	Reassessment is not permitted in an assessment component or module which has already been passed (regulation: 32)
6.	Pass or Fail	Non-submission	Fail	Capped	Capped	Fail	Capped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are only available where all components have been attempted – non-submission results in capping. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity). For the purposes of the SN policy, “attempt” refers to a student attempting to demonstrate knowledge in response to the assessment set – blank documents, assessment questions left unanswered etc will not be treated as an attempt and marked as an X to indicate non-submission.

Late submissions, extensions, and/or deferrals (treated as first attempt)									
7.	Pass or Fail	Fail	Fail	Deferred	Uncapped	Fail	Deferred	Capped	
8.	Pass, Fail or Non-submission	Defer	Defer	Defer	Uncapped	Defer	Defer	Capped	Any reassessments undertaken in the 2021/22 session will be capped.
9.	Fail (must-pass)	Defer	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Fail	Uncapped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are only applicable to the first reassessment attempt in 2020/21. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity).
10.	Pass or Fail	Late submission	Fail	Capped	Capped	Fail	Capped	Capped	Late submissions (ie after the agreed submission date) with or without an extension, will be treated as non-submission
Academic offences									
11.	Pass or Fail	0% Fail	Fail	Capped	Capped	Fail	Capped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are not available where penalties have been applied as a result of an academic offence. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity).
12.	Pass or Fail	Pass or Fail	0% Fail	Capped	Capped	0% Fail	Capped	Capped	Uncapped reassessments are not available where penalties have been applied as a result of an academic offence. (* Only PG students enrolled prior to 2020/21 are eligible for a second reassessment opportunity).

