

Thursday 30 April: update on DMU's no detriment approach

Dear students,

A big thank you for your patience as we have worked out the details of how we will apply our no detriment policy to your outcomes.

When we committed to this, we let you know that providing you sit any remaining exams and assessments and pass them, your final mark will not be lower than your already-achieved overall mark in a module or across your modules. I also confirmed that there are some modules where not enough assessment has been completed to allow us to establish a benchmark performance at module level. Consequently, we have established the following principles:

1. The no detriment policy applies to work due after 30 March 2020.
2. If you have not attempted exams or assessments due after 30 March, or have attempted them and failed them, your actual marks will stand and we will calculate your module results and final outcome based on these marks. In other words, the no detriment policy will not be applied.
3. If you have taken and passed all exams and assessments due after 30 March, the no detriment policy will be applied to your results as long as we are not prevented from doing so by the Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) and/or employer requirements. If the latter is the case, you will have already been informed of this by your programme team.
4. For students eligible for the no detriment policy to be applied, we will calculate your outcome in two ways. We will first determine your results from your actual marks (including those gained after 30 March), and then we will apply the no detriment policy. The no detriment approach means we will calculate a benchmark for you, providing a mark based on your prior achievements attained before 30 March. Your final outcome will be the one which gives you the better overall result.
5. This sounds complicated – and it is – but please be assured that you do not need to worry about this. The calculations will be made at exam boards and we will ensure you receive the best possible outcome.

You will all have specific and individual assessment patterns depending on your programme, year of study, and choices of module. For that reason, ahead of exam boards it will not be possible to work out for you your specific outcome.

I also ask for your understanding that your lecturers will not have answers to all your questions. Please bear with us – we are developing FAQs which will be ready early next week and initial answers can be found [here](#) (you'll need to scroll down to the no detriment policy section).

Finally, please remember that the no detriment policy is a safety net to take into account the deeply unsettling circumstances we find ourselves in and the disruption you have faced. I encourage you all, though, to strive even in these circumstances to do your very best work so that you can achieve your very best outcomes.

I wish you all the best as you complete your final pieces of work this year.

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