



**EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY**

**QUALITY & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Review of approved exemptions to University academic regulations**

**Introduction**

1 The purpose of this paper is to provide a definitive list of approved exemptions to University academic regulations. This list includes all exemptions considered and approved by Quality & Standards Committee (and its preceding Committees) up to the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

2 For ease of reference the following number of exemptions are currently in place:

Edinburgh Napier University Business School:	15
Arts & Creative Industries	0
Engineering & Built Environment	1
Computing	3
Applied Sciences	1
Health and Social Care	5
	<b>University total: 25</b>

3 The modules and programmes of study to which each exemption applies and the approved variation to the regulation concerned are set out by School in Appendix 1.

**Existing approved exemptions to University academic regulations  
April 2017**

**Edinburgh Napier University Business School**

1. **Regulation B5.3 and B3.19g):** (Paper REG 11-12 48, 24 April 2012).

**Approved revised regulation:**

To pass at the first attempt the 120 credit work based learning module on the BA (Hons) Business Studies sandwich degree a student must achieve a pass or merit grade.

The honours classification for BA (Hons) Business Studies students is based on 120 credits, to include a minimum of 100 credits at level 10, of which a minimum of 40 credits are derived from a dissertation or final year project. The 20 credit balance will derive from any remaining level 10 credits or the best level 9 credits achieved.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2017-18 to the end of academic session 2021-22 inclusive.

2. **Regulation B3.15a:** (Paper REG 12-13 55, April 2013 and REG 10-11 16, 28 September 2010).

**Approved revised regulation:**

A student enrolled on an approved programme of study leading to the award of a BA (Hons) Financial Services (Singapore) will gain the award if they satisfy all programme specific requirements and gain a minimum of 480 credits of which a minimum of 100 credits are from modules at SCQF level 10 plus a minimum of 80 credits from modules at SCQF level 9 or above plus a minimum of 120 credits from modules at SCQF level 8 or above.

**Period of approval:**

Five years from the start of academic session 2013/14 until end of academic session 2017-18.

3. **Regulation B5.2:** (Paper REG 12-13 57, April 2013 and REG 10-11 30, 19 January 2011; Paper REG 12-13 19, 27 November 2012)

**Approved revised regulation:**

To permit one level 7 examination in trimester one modules ACC07101 (Management Accounting) and ACC07102 (Financial Accounting) on the BA (Hons) Accounting programme. The exemption derives from requirements of the professional bodies (ACCA and CIMA) associated with the programme as both professional bodies assess entirely by examination.

**Period of approval:**

Five years from the start of academic session 2013/14 until end of academic session 2017-18.

4. **Regulation B5.3 and C5.2:** (Paper REG 10-11 41, 19 April 2011; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulation:**

To pass at the first attempt an Edinburgh Napier University Business School module approved for delivery by the Edinburgh Institute, a student must achieve a pass grade. The module grade will be derived from a single component of assessment.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive.

5. **Regulation B6.2:** (Paper REG 10-11 42, 19 April 2011; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)

Notwithstanding Regulation B6.2, students awaiting the outcome of assessment in either a 60-credit or 120-credit work-based learning module can progress to the next year of study, pending all other relevant credit has been achieved.

BA (Hons) Economics with Management  
BA (Hons) Financial Services suite  
BA (Hons) Business Management suite  
BA (Hons) Business Studies suite  
BA (Hons) Hospitality Management suite  
BA (Hons) Festival and Events suite  
BA (Hons) Marketing Management suite  
BA (Hons) Languages suite  
BA (Hons) Tourism Management suite

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive.

6. **Regulation B5.3(b):** (Paper REG 10-11 43, 19 April 2011; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulation:**

To pass an SCQF level 7, 8, 9 or 10 module at the first attempt or second attempt, a student enrolled on the BA (Hons) Accounting programme suite<sup>1</sup> must achieve a

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<sup>1</sup> Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Accounting Information Systems, Principles of Economics, Corporate Accounting, Financial Management, Reporting Corporate Performance, Business and Corporate Law, Business and Management Challenges, Management Science and Statistics, Corporate Financial Management, Advanced Management Accounting, Taxation, Advanced Corporate Reporting, Management Accounting Applications, Auditing.  
The accredited modules on the BA (Hons) Accounting HK programme are: Advanced Corporate Reporting, Advanced Management Accounting, Hong Kong Tax, Hong Kong Law, Corporate Financial Management, Auditing.

minimum module mark of 40 per cent. The module mark will be derived from the component or components of assessment.  
If only one component of assessment is used, a student must achieve a minimum of 40 per cent in that component.

If two components of assessment are used, a student must achieve a minimum module mark of 40 per cent based on the weighted marks achieved for each component of assessment with no individual mark for a component of assessment falling below 35 per cent.

There is no minimum mark requirement for individual elements of any component of assessment.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive.

7. **Regulation B5.2** (Paper REG 10-11 56, April 2011; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulation**

Notwithstanding Regulation B5.2, examinations are permitted on the level 7, trimester one modules which forms part of the professional body accredited qualifying degree of Bachelor of Laws.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive

8. **Regulations B3.15 & B3.19g** (Paper REG 10-11 60; Paper REG 11-12 47; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)

To enable students enrolled on BA (Hons) Financial Services (Hong Kong) PT and FT to graduate with honours without completion of a dissertation or final year project.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive

9. **Regulation B6.2** (Paper REG 10-11 61, April 2011; REG 13-14 43, 25 March 2014)  
Students enrolled on a programme of study delivered overseas would not have had the opportunity to undertake reassessment before the programme board of examiners meets after the second trimester of study to review their progress. A list of the programmes exempt is listed in appendix 3.

A student who has not had the opportunity to undertake a reassessment opportunity in the module can proceed to the first trimester of the next stage of study.

The 'PS' decision for students studying on overseas programmes delivered over three consecutive trimesters has been introduced.

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive

10. **Regulation C3.11.e** (Paper REG 11-12 20 January 2012; 25 March 2014)  
Students articulating into the MBA programme with recognised prior learning from Manipal University, India and SHUMBA University, China will be exempt from completing the Research Methods module and MBA Project module. They will instead complete three specific modules: Creativity to Sustainability (ENT11103); Contemporary Issues in Strategic Management (SOE11105); and, Leadership, Learning and Development (HRM11109).

**Period of approval:**

The exemption is approved for five years from the start of academic session 2014-15 to end of session 2018-19 inclusive

11. **Regulation C3.8** (Paper REG 13-14 23 November 2013 – NB. This is an extension of the exemption above)  
Applicable for students articulating into the MBA programme with recognized prior learning (MBA) from Sikkim Manipal University, Lovely Professional University, Alliance University, India.

A master's degree will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme specific requirements and gained a minimum of 180 credits at SCQF level 11.

**Period of approval:**

For academic session 2013-14 to the end of academic session 2017-18 inclusive

12. **Regulation B3.15a** (REG 12-13 54, April 2013)

A BA (Hons) Business Management with Applied Psychology (Hong Kong) has been approved. Regulations Committee are satisfied that an exemption to Reg B3.15a can be granted to allow a Bachelor's degree with honours will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme specific requirements and gained a minimum of 480 credits without defining that specific credit must be from a dissertation or final year project.

**Period of approval:**

The approval period will be from academic session 2014-15 to end of academic session 2018/19.

13. **Regulation C5.9** (REG 13-14 33 February 2014)

In accordance with regulation C5.6 a student enrolled on a SCQF level 11 module will be entitled to one reassessment opportunity in that module.

For students studying on the MSc HRM (Blended) programme delivered to KPMG reassessment opportunities must be provided and taken within two trimesters of the original attempt.

**Period of approval:**

For academic session 2013-14 to end of academic session 2017-18 inclusive.

14. **Regulation B5.7(a) and C5.9(a)** (REG 13-14 42, 24 March 2014)  
In accordance with Regulation B5.5 a student enrolled on a SCQF level 7, 8, 9 or 10 module will be entitled to one reassessment opportunity in that module.

For students studying on the Online BA Business Management programme, delivered over three continuous trimesters a compulsory reassessment opportunity must be provided and taken within two trimesters of the original attempt.

“In accordance with Regulation C5.6 a student enrolled on a SCQF level 11 module will be entitled to one reassessment opportunity in that module.

For students studying on the Online MSc Business Management (including specialisms) and MBA (including specialisms) delivered over three continuous trimesters a compulsory reassessment opportunity must be provided and taken within two trimesters of the original attempt.

**Period of approval:**

For academic session 2013-14 to end of academic session 2017-18 inclusive.

15. **Regulation C5.2(c)** (REG 13-14 60, April 2014)  
For students registered on the professionally accredited MSc HRM programme  
“To pass an SCQF level 11 module at the first attempt, a student must achieve a minimum grade of P1 on the Master’s Grading Scale.

(c) All students must pass all individual elements of assessment within a component of assessment.

**Period of approval:**

For academic session 2013-14 to end of academic session 2017-18 inclusive.

### **School of Computing**

1. **Regulation B5.3):** (Paper REG 10-11 45; REG 13-14 44, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulations:**

To pass an SCQF level 7, 8, 9 or 10 module at the first attempt, a student must achieve a minimum module grade of Pass. The module mark will be derived from the component of assessment.

**Period of approval:**

Five years from the start of academic session 2014/15 to end of 2018/19 inclusive

2. **Regulation B3.9):** (Paper REG 10-11 45; REG 13-14 44, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulations:**

A bachelor's degree with distinction will be awarded to a student who has achieved an overall average of at least 65 per cent in 60 credits from SCQF Level 9 or above programme specific compulsory, core and option modules. The Overseas Studies module (SOC09104) is excluded from this award classification calculation when it is included as part of a programme structure in the School of Computing.

**Period of approval:**

Five years from the start of academic session 2014/15 to end of 2018/19 inclusive

3. **Regulation B3.15** (Paper REG 10-11 45; REG 13-14 44, 25 March 2014)

**Approved revised regulation:**

When the Overseas Studies Module (SOC09104) is included as part of a programme structure offered by the School of Computing the calculation of the classification of honours will be based on either: 120 credits at SCQF level 9 or above derived from programme specific compulsory, core and option modules within stage 4 of the programme of study or 180 credits at SCQF level 9 or above derived from programme specific compulsory, core and option modules within Stage 4 of the programme of study and the best Stage 3 modules depending on which calculation gives the higher mark for the student.

**Period of approval:**

Five years from the start of academic session 2014/15 to end of 2018/19 inclusive

**School of Engineering Built Environment**

1. **Regulation B3.17** (Paper REG 11-12 31, 28 February 2012)

**Approved revised regulation:**

The calculation of the classification of Honours will be based on 240 credits, to include all 120 credits in stage 4 and all 120 credits at stage 3. Average marks for modules in stage 3 will be weighted 0.30 and average marks for modules at stage 4 will be weighted 0.70.

This exemption will apply to students on the following programmes:

BEng (Hons) Engineering with Management  
BEng (Hons) Energy and Environmental Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Mechatronics  
BEng (Hons) Electrical Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Polymer Engineering

**Period of approval:**

Reapproved for three years from start of academic session 2017-18 to the end of academic session 2019-20.

## School of Applied Sciences

### 1. **Regulation B5.7**, (Paper Q&S(16/17)46)

The regulation exemption pertains to students studying overseas over three trimesters and refers to reassessment. Approved amendments in bold.

B5.7b) For students studying on programmes which are delivered over three continuous trimester's reassessment must be provided and taken within **three** trimesters of the original attempt. **Early reassessment opportunities could be offered by the Board.**

B5.7e) **Only for programmes delivered over three continuous trimesters, Programme Boards of Examiners may request that students who have more than 20 credits pending do not progress to the next stage but instead pause their studies for a trimester to take their reassessments.**

#### **Period of approval**

For session 2017-18 to end of academic year 2022-23

## School of Health & Social Care

### 1. **Regulation C5.3** (Papers REG 12-13 31 and REG 12-13 32 February 2013; REG 13-14 45, 25 March 2014)

To permit part-time students on the MSc Advanced Practice programme in the UK and Hong Kong and Flexible Managed Route incorporating module NMS11109 to achieve a minimum grade of P1 on the Masters Grading Scale by the end of the third trimester following the Programme Board of Examiners confirming the results from all taught modules within the approved programme structure. (codes of programmes affected: 72701MM , 72703MM, 72705MM, 72707MM, 72709MM , 72710MM , 72712MM ,72714MM, 72716MM, 72718MM , 72722MM, 72725MM , 72726MM , 77707MM)

#### **Period of Approval**

For session 2014-15 to end of academic year 2018/19

### 2. **Regulation B5.3 and B5.6** (Paper REG 13-14 24 – November 2013; REG 13-15 45, 25 March 2014)

Applicable to students registered on NMS09143 and NMS09154 modules.

To pass the modules at the first attempt, a student must achieve a Pass grade. The module grade will be derived from the component or components of assessment.

a) If only one component is used a Pass grade must be achieved in that component.

b) If two components are used a Pass grade must be achieved in each component.

c) A Pass grade must be achieved in each individual element of any component of assessment.

The award of merit is not available in these modules.

To pass at reassessment, a student enrolled must achieve a pass grade.

- a) If only one component is used a pass grade must be achieved in that component.
- b) If two components are used a pass grade must be achieved in each component.
- c) A pass grade must be achieved in each individual element of any component of assessment.

### **Period of Approval**

For session 2014-15 to end of academic year 2018/19

### 3. **Regulation C5.4c)** (Paper REG 14/15 07)

Applicable to students on Preparation of Supervisors of Midwives programme module MID11101.

#### **Current wording:**

C5.4 To pass at the first attempt an SCQF Level 11 **competence-based module** approved by the Faculty of Health, Life and Social Sciences for delivery by the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Care a student must achieve a pass grade. The module grade will be derived from the component or components of assessment.

- a) If only one component is used a pass grade must be achieved in that component.
- b) If two components are used a pass grade must be achieved in each component.
- c) There is no minimum grade requirement for individual elements of any component of assessment (current wording)

#### **Approved new wording:**

- c) The student must achieve a pass grade in each individual element of any component of assessment.(approved exemption wording)

**Exemption will be active for 5 years, (to fit in with NMC approval) to 2018/19**

### 4. BSc Nursing (Singapore) (QS(16/17)28 (December 2016)

Exemptions were sought for the following regulations:

B3.19 The minimum number and level of credit to be achieved by a student whilst registered as a student of Edinburgh Napier University having entered a programme of study with recognised prior learning and before being presented for an award of the University listed in Regulation A4.1a), b) and e) is as follows:

[...]

e) A **bachelor's degree** will be awarded to a student who has met the requirements of Regulation B3.8, satisfied all programme-specific requirements and achieved a minimum of 60 credits at SCQF level 9 or above.

f) A **bachelor's degree with distinction** will be awarded to a student who has met the requirements of Regulation B3.9, satisfied all programme-specific requirements and achieved a minimum overall average of at least 65 per cent across all of the 60 credits. If more than the minimum of 60 credits has been achieved, the distinction

calculation will be based on an overall average of at least 65 per cent in the best 60 credits achieved at SCQF level 9 or above.

B3.10 A **graduate certificate** will be awarded to a student who has satisfied the requirements of Regulation B4.4, all programme-specific requirements and gained a minimum of 60 credits at SCQF level 9 or above.

B3.11 A **graduate certificate with distinction** will be awarded to a student who has achieved an overall average of at least 65 per cent in the best 60 credits achieved from SCQF level 9 or above modules, if the approved programme structure permits.

B3.12 A **graduate diploma** will be awarded to a student who has satisfied the requirements of Regulation B4.4, all programme-specific requirements and gained a minimum of 120 credits at SCQF level 9 or above.

B3.13 A **graduate diploma with distinction** will be awarded to a student who has achieved an overall average of at least 65 per cent in the best 120 credits achieved from SCQF level 9 or above modules, if the approved programme structure permits.

#### **Approved wording:**

**A BSc Nursing (Singapore) degree** will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme specific requirements and gained a minimum of 160 credits at SCQF level 9.

The exemption and replacement bespoke regulation were approved for a period of five years (2017/18 – 2022-23)

5. C5.4 To pass at the first attempt the module Learning, Teaching and Assessment Practice in Higher Education (EDU11160) a student must achieve a pass grade in each element of assessment associated with this module. This module is delivered on the PgC Learning, Teaching and Assessment Practice in Higher Education programme.

C5.7 To pass at reassessment, a student enrolled on the module Learning, Teaching and Assessment Practice in Higher Education (EDU11160) must achieve a pass grade. The module grade will be derived from the elements of assessment.

a) A pass must be achieved in all elements of re-assessment.

c) Where a student achieved an original pass grade in a number of the elements of assessment, the overall module grade at reassessment will be calculated in accordance with Regulation C5.7b) using the original element grade and the element grade achieved at reassessment.