



ACADEMIC APPEALS – SUMMER ASSESSMENT AND TRIMESTER 3 – 2019/20

Full detail on our position on summer assessment and trimester 3 appeals can be found within this document. The key points are as follows: -

- Assessment Boards [will undertake additional consideration](#) of students' academic profiles to mitigate for the disruption caused by Coronavirus.
- Students are asked to attempt all assessments they are due to undertake where possible. Important considerations for students regarding summer assessment and trimester 3 appeals can be viewed by clicking [here](#).
- Summer Assessment Programme Assessment Board Decisions will be published [here](#) on 31 August
- Trimester 3 Programme Assessment Board Decisions will be published [here](#) on 1 October
- Following consideration of their Programme Assessment Board decisions, students who have any question, query or issue when their results are published are respectfully asked to email appeals@napier.ac.uk ahead of submitting an appeal
- Upon receipt of any email of this nature, students will be given an honest assessment and explanation on the chances of any appeal they submit being successful
- If students elect to submit an appeal upon consideration of any advice received, they must do so by 7 September for summer assessment appeals and 8 October for trimester 3 appeals. The cut off for receipt of submissions is 2pm on the deadline dates.
- It is expected that there will not be many, if any at all, cases where an appeal will lead to a change to the Programme Assessment Board decision due to the additional concession and consideration that will have already been undertaken by the Programme Assessment Board.

University's position on 2019/20, trimester 3, academic appeals

The Programme Assessment Board decisions for results, progression and awards for the summer assessment period and trimester 3 of 2019/20 will be published [here](#) on **Monday 31 August** and **Thursday 1 October** respectively.

Our regulations require us to set the deadline for any appeals students wish to submit against the Programme Assessment Board decision five working days after the publication date. This means that the appeal deadlines are set on **Monday 7 September** for summer assessments and **Thursday 8 October** for trimester 3. **Submissions must be made to appeals@napier.ac.uk by 2pm on the deadline dates.**

This year, due to the exceptional circumstances relating to Coronavirus, we took the decision to award all students valid extenuating circumstances for all 2019/20 summer and trimester 3 assessments as per [this notice](#). **We recommend all students read the notice linked in the previous session very carefully if they**



are thinking of not sitting any assessments they are due to sit this summer or in trimester 3.

All of the mechanisms we could put in place as the result of an appeal being upheld (further first diet assessment opportunity, additional reassessment opportunity, compensatory module pass, reviewing degree classifications) will be put in place by the Programme Assessment Board meaning it is highly unlikely that any appeal would see any student in a better position than that they are in when the Programme Assessment Board decisions are published.

For this reason, we are asking that any student who has any question, query or issue when their results are published to email appeals@napier.ac.uk (as soon as is possible on or after the publication date) rather than submit an appeal.

We will not deny any student the opportunity to submit an appeal but we will provide an honest assessment and explanation on whether any appeal is likely to be successful based on what is outlined in their email. We, for the reasons outlined previously regarding the automatic additional consideration the Programme Assessment Board will undertake for all students, do not foresee many, if any at all, cases where an appeal will lead to a change to the Programme Assessment Board decision. Please see below for some important factors for any student considering an appeal to take into account. For general enquiries, please email appeals@napier.ac.uk.

Important considerations ahead of enquiring about an appeal: -

- **We ask that any student making contact in these circumstances does so as soon as is possible by emailing appeals@napier.ac.uk after the results publication dates (31 August for summer assessments and 1 October for trimester 3), in the unlikely event there is scope for an appeal to be considered as we will be holding firm on the appeal form submission deadlines of 7 September (summer assessment) and 8 October (trimester 3).**
- **All degree classifications will be subject to additional scrutiny at the Programme Assessment Boards so it is highly unlikely that any appeal would see the classification offered by the board altered.**
- **No appeal will see an increase to an individual assessment, module or classification mark. This is not related to Coronavirus as this is always the case with the appeals procedure.**
- **Where it was your first attempt, any student who fails or does not submit work for a summer or trimester 3 assessment will automatically be given the chance to attempt the assessment again, without your final module mark being capped to 40 (UG students)/P1 (PG students), at the next available opportunity. There is no need to submit an appeal to be**



given another first diet opportunity for any summer or trimester 3 assessment still outstanding when your results are published.

- **Where an assessment attempted was a reassessment, any student who fails a module in these circumstances will be automatically given another reassessment attempt at the next available opportunity. There is no need to submit an appeal to be given another reassessment opportunity for any summer or trimester 3 reassessment still outstanding when your results are published.**
- **As stated, in recognition of the impact of coronavirus, we are offering all students further assessment opportunities for any assessments outstanding after the summer and trimester 3 Programme Assessment Board decisions are published. However, we will still be applying our regulations on progression and any student with outstanding credit from 2019/20 or earlier may not be permitted to progress to the next stage of their studies for 2020/21. An appeal will not change such decisions made on student progress. Students are reminded to consider the information found [here](#) very carefully.**
- **We will not consider any enquiries or appeals regarding assessments taken at any time out with summer or trimester 3 of 2019/20 as the deadline to submit appeals regarding any other period has passed.**