

Regulations for Taught Awards 2026-27

Schedule of Changes

The University regularly reviews the Regulations for Taught Awards to ensure they remain up to date.

In 2026, the University reviewed its assessment regulations and how they were presented.

The University updated the document to ensure all terminology was up to date (as required) and agreed several revisions to the document; the table below sets out the nature of the main changes, and the reasons for making them.

The University made the changes for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) A relevant external or governmental body had introduced changes that needed to be reflected;
- (b) The University had made a change in how its regulations work and in particular incorporated existing regulations previously located in Apprenticeship Additional Course Regulations;
- (c) The University has adopted of Master's degrees of 240 credits at level 7, awarded 'with an Industrial Placement'.

Changes made throughout the document		
Section	Nature of change	Reason for change
All	Paragraphs renumbered	New sections introduced. See below.
5. Taught Awards offered by the University – Awards at Level 7	Addition to the table at paragraph 5.2 of credit requirements for Master's Degrees of 240 credits at level 7. Addition of structural requirements for Awards of 240 credits at level 7 (paragraph 5.4).	This is to enable the University to make awards of Master's degrees including a credit-bearing industrial placement following successful completion of all the taught modules.
8. Recognition of Prior Learning	Inclusion of maximum RPL limits for apprenticeship courses at paragraphs 8.2-8.3.	These are existing rules previously located in Additional Course

		Regulations for apprenticeship courses.
11. Assessment and Examination Arrangements	Replacement of the term 'examiners' with the term 'Approved Markers' in paragraphs 11.1, 11.4 (i)	See below.
12. Marking arrangements	Replacement of the term 'examiners' with the term 'Approved Markers' in paragraphs 12.6, 12.21.	See below.
14. Assessment	Inclusion of s section on Conditions for Final Apprenticeship Assessment (formerly End Point Assessments). See paragraph 14.11	Clearer statement of the conditions for apprenticeship assessment, formerly residing in some Apprenticeship Additional Course Regulations, which have been superseded.
15. Retrieval of Failed Assessment	Inclusion of Apprenticeship conditions for retrieval of a modules after second reassessment attempt. Apprentices are not eligible for retake of failed modules. See paragraph 15.15 and clarification in paragraphs 15.12 and 15.13.	These are existing rules previously located in Additional Course Regulations for apprenticeship courses, which have been superseded.
15. Retrieval of Failed Assessment	Reassessment of Semester or Year industry Inclusion of clarified definition of 'Key terms' to ensure that all types of credit bearing and non-credit bearing years in industry are covered by paragraph 15.28. Paragraph 15.28 included to specify that students who are unable to pass a year industry (or similar) will either continue on the course without the Year in Industry title or be awarded any alternative or default exit award title for which they are eligible.	
15. Retrieval of Failed Assessment	Retrieval of modules on courses in teach-out Inclusion of new regulations to guide how retrieval following the second assessment attempt is to be handed, where there is no cohort for students	Changes to the portfolio and movement to the new Academic Framework means that there are occasions where a student would be eligible for retake of failed modules, but there is no cohort for

	to join for a retake of failed modules (see paragraph 15.28)	them to join. This regulation defines how those cases should be resolved.
16. Progression	Inclusion of trailing credit regulations for apprenticeship courses (paragraph 16.18)	This is an existing rule previously located in Additional Course Regulations for apprenticeship courses, which have been superseded.
16. Progression	Students who cannot continue due to failure to meet the academic requirements Inclusion of explicit reference to apprentices in paragraphs 16.23, 16.24 and 16.25.	Added for clarity
16. Progression	Progression in relation to a Year in Industry Updated definition of key terms, above paragraph 16.30. Clarity that students must pass the previous stage before undertaking a year in industry placement or similar and that students undertaking a Master's degree of 240 credits will not be eligible to undertake the industrial placement stage where they have assessment or retrieval opportunities outstanding following the third trimester of Stage One. (paragraph 16.33).	
17. Pass requirements and classification	Use of Integrated Apprenticeship Assessment (formerly End Point Assessment modules) For postgraduate apprenticeship courses, see paragraphs 17.7 – 17.9. For Undergraduate apprenticeship courses, see paragraphs 17.27 - 17.29.	These are existing rules previously located in Additional Course Regulations for apprenticeship courses, which have been superseded.
17. Pass requirements	Awards at level 6 Inclusion of alternative classification arrangements.	Recent guidance from the Office for Students, discouraging institutions from running multiple degree algorithms for the same

and classification	Reinstated classification arrangements for undergraduate students who enrolled in levels and or 6 in the period August 2026-May 2026 except those on course with pass fail modules and students on level 6 top up awards. See paragraph 17.21.) Separate arrangements for UG students who commence student from September 2025, commenced level 5 from June 2026 or those who commenced level 5 or level six before June 2026 where the course contains pass/fail modules. (17.22 - 17.26)	students, has prompted the University to reinstate the old degree classification rules for some current students. This is now reflected in the regulations.
Section 18 Approved Markers	This section revises the former section on Examiners, to use the new terminology of 'Approved Marker' see paragraphs 18.1, 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4.	The University has decided that from September 2026 new academic staff and new academic staff at collaborative partners will be subject to a formal period of supervised marking (along with other mandatory induction activities) before being signed off as 'Approved Markers' who can independently assess student work. 'Approved Marker Status' replaces the form 'Examiner' and 'Affiliate Examiner' status.