

Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes and Supporting Documents for 2026-2027 – Summary of changes made from 2025-2026

The Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes 2026-2027 and related supporting documents were approved in May 2026 for the academic year 2026-2027. The following table summarises the changes that have been reflected in the Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes 2026-2027 as compared to the 2025-2026 version. Amendments have only been made to the Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes document; no changes were made to the supporting documents.

Change made	Location in the 2025-2026 document	Original text in 2025-2026 document	Revised text in 2026-2027 document
Identify credit allocation to minor, special purpose and supplemental awards	Section 7.3.2 (Table included in this section)	Table did not include these awards	Included an additional row, with the text below (in inverted commas) added as appropriate: Award – “Minor, Special Purpose or Supplemental” NFQ Level – “6-9” Credit – “5-60 credits”
Acknowledged that there may be external regulatory reasons as to why pass marks on programmes may need to be varied with Academic Council approval and made provision for this	Section 8.10.3	8.10.3 A mark of 40% or greater is a passing mark. A mark greater than or equal to 35% and less than 40% may be a compensatable mark (see section 9.2). A mark of less than 35% is an outright failing mark.	Addition of new footnote 15 aligned to the end of the first sentence in 8.10.3 (‘... passing mark.’), which reads: “The regulations here (and in other relevant sections of this document where necessary) may be varied for programmes where there are particular external regulatory reasons as to why any specific variation is required. In such circumstances, any

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			variation must be approved by Academic Council and specified in relevant programme information.”
Clarification re retrospective applications for embedded awards and the date of Academic Council ratification which appears on the parchment	Section 10.7	Not addressed in the section in the 2025-2026 document	Addition of the following sub-section: “10.7.6 An individual may apply retrospectively for an embedded award for which they are eligible. In such circumstances, the date of the award should be the Academic Council date on which the relevant examination results were originally ratified.”