For APRC APRC.13.06.**07**
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Code of Practice on Adjusted Regulations and Undergraduate Masters Degrees

Topic and Purpose of Paper

1. APRC is asked ***to consider*** and, if thought appropriate, ***to approve*** amendments to the Code of Practice on Adjusted Regulations and Undergraduate Masters Degrees (as detailed in Appendix A) to take effect from the 2013/14 session.

Background and Proposals

2. An anomaly has been identified in the Adjusted Regulations, 1.1.b(i) which states that the Regulations will apply inter alia:

   "if […] the registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits, but less than 100 credits at Level M..."

   As it currently stands this means that the provision does not apply to a student achieving 100 credits or more whereas it would apply to a student achieving fewer Level M credits. The proposed amendment seeks to address this anomaly.

3. A further amendment is being proposed to 3.2 to ensure that there is an even split in students' achievement in Years 3 and 4 and to require students to achieve a minimum of 70 credits in Year 3 in order to progress into Year 4.

4. The opportunity is also being taken to make a number of editorial changes in order to tidy the Code of Practice.

5. The changes are being made following discussions involving the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), the Director of Education and the Head of Quality in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and colleagues in ABST.

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1. Introduction

1.1 This Code of Practice sets out the procedures for the application of Adjusted Regulations to Undergraduate Masters Degrees:

1.1 .1 All registered students on Undergraduate Masters programmes should normally be assessed under the standard University Academic Regulations. Adjusted Regulations should be applied if, and only if:

a. the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations; AND

b. (i) the registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits, but less than 440 credits overall ~~100 credits at Level M~~; OR

(ii) the registered student has less than 200 Stage 3 credits.

~~2. Academic Regulations Methodology~~

~~2.1 The overall weighted average is calculated, with profiling applied, if applicable, and the degree classification determined according to the Academic Regulations. (Profiling is the distribution of module classes methodology, an explanation of which is provided in the Assessment Protocols.)~~

~~2.2 This methodology is applied if a registered student has met the following credit requirements:~~

~~2.2 .1 At least 440 credits (560 credits with additional year abroad / in industry) including:~~

~~a. A minimum of 100 credits at Level C.~~
~~b. A minimum of 300 credits at Level I, H or above.~~
~~c. A minimum of 200 credits at Level H or higher, of which at least 100 credits must be at Level M.~~
~~d. A minimum of 220 credits at the end of Stage 2 and a Stage 2 average of 55%.~~
~~e. If taken, at least 100 credits from a year abroad/in industry at Level I or above.~~

2.~~3.~~ Adjusted Regulations Methodology

2.1~~3.1~~ This methodology is applied if a registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits, but less than 440 credits overall ~~100 credits at Level M~~, ~~and the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations~~:

.1 The overall weighted average is calculated, with profiling applied if applicable, and the degree classification calculated.

.2 Under Adjusted Regulations, the ‘usual’ minimum total credit requirement for the award of an Honours Degree at Class I or Class II (i) is 200 credits at Stage 3 and 420 credits overall.

.3 The table given below is not used in this scenario.

2.2~~3.2~~ This methodology is applied if a registered student has 140 or more Stage 3 credits but fewer than 200 Stage 3 credits. In addition, the student should have obtained at least 70 credits Level H or Level M) in Part 1 of Stage 3 (Year 3) and at least 70 credits (Level M) in Part 2 of Stage 3 (Year 4) ~~less than 200 Stage 3 credits, and a minimum of 70 credits at Level M AND a minimum of 70 credits at Level H or higher and the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations~~:

.1 The weighted average is calculated, and

.2 The maximum available degree classification to be awarded is determined from the table below. (N.B. profiling does not apply.)

Weighted average	*Total Stage 3 credits*		
	180 -190	160 - 170	140 - 150
70 or above	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
60 - 69	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
50 - 59	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
40 - 49	*Class III*	*Class III*	*Pass*
35 - 39	*Pass*	*Pass*	*Pass*
34 or below	*	*	*Pass*

* *Lower alternative qualifications may apply according to the number of credits achieved against Levels C, I and H. This may include award of a Bachelors Degree if criteria in Appendix C of the Undergraduate Assessment Protocols are met.*

.3 For registered students on 5 year Undergraduate Masters Degrees (e.g. MSci programmes with a year abroad), the credits accrued from the year abroad (120 credits) are not counted. However, the average mark from the year abroad will contribute to the calculation of the overall weighted average.