

Key Changes to Taught Assessment Regulations 2024/25

Links within the regulations to other information and changes in terminology have been updated as necessary.

Regulation Updated	What has changed
TAR 2: Examiners: appointment; TAR 4: Convener of the Board of Examiners: appointment; TAR 8 Convener of the Board of Examiners: responsibilities; TAR 38 Board of Examiners meetings; TAR 39 Board of Examiners: quorum	The detail of these regulations has been removed, and these now refer to the Handbook for Boards of Examiners for Taught Courses and Programmes in order to avoid the duplication of information.
TAR 23: Oral assessment	Reference to examiners being present for oral assessment has been removed, given that assessment may take place remotely and/or asynchronously. It is the School's responsibility to ensure that, where necessary, appropriate arrangements are in place for in-person oral assessments.
TAR 27 and 27.5: Resit assessment	<p>Following feedback from Colleges regarding misinterpretation of the assessment attempts, the proposed amended wording removes the phrase "a maximum of" when referring to the number of assessment attempts. This therefore clarifies that students in pre-Honours years are entitled to four assessments attempts for courses, and that Boards of Examiners do not have discretion to reduce this (except where PSRB requirements apply).</p> <p>27.5 has also been amended to provide further clarity on the timing of the resit assessments, and mode of study, where applicable. The amended content makes clear that, where students are resitting a course in the year following the one in which they originally took the course, their School will determine whether they resit on an assessment-only basis, or with attendance, and that this regulation also applies to visiting students.</p> <p>27.9 amended to "will be awarded the higher mark" since this should be applied consistently and should not be at the discretion of the Board.</p>
TAR 28: Late submission of coursework	<p>Sections of this regulation have been amended and/or removed in order to align with the new Exceptional Circumstances policy.</p> <p>28.3 clarifies the arrangements for deadlines for groupwork, where one or more of the students in the</p>

	<p>group have an extended deadline under the Exceptional Circumstances policy. In line with 28.2, Schools retain discretion not to permit late submission for group assessment, where late submission will not be practicable. Where late submission is permitted, Schools also have the option to offer students requiring an extension an alternative form of assessment, as is the practice in some Schools. Where an extension is applied to the deadline for all students in the group, the regulation places an expectation on Schools to communicate the revised deadline to students, rather than the student who has received the deadline.</p>
TAR 30.4: Academic misconduct	<p>Addition of section 30.4 regarding the use of Generative AI tools and a link to the University guidance on this.</p>
TAR 33.3: Security of marks	<p>Some of the detail in 33.3 has been removed as it is now out of date, and links now included to the latest Information Security guidance and policies.</p>
TAR 52.6: Undergraduate honours assessment progression; TAR 54.7 Undergraduate honours degree award; TAR 56.8 Postgraduate assessment progression; TAR 57.8 Postgraduate degree, diploma and certificate award	<p>Addition of 52.6, 54.7, 56.8 and 57.8 to clarify that information about any courses which must be passed, and for which credit cannot be awarded on aggregate, must be published in advance.</p>
TAR 58 and 58.6: Resubmission of postgraduate dissertations or research projects	<p>Further detail added to clarify resubmission arrangements where the dissertation or research project consists of more than one assessment component.</p>
TAR 64.1: Status of decisions	<p>Addition of a timeline of two years for requests for Boards of Examiners to review their decisions. The two-year period is in line with the approved timeline for appeals.</p>
All – links to Exceptional Circumstances policy and Board of Examiners Handbook	<p>Throughout the regulations, references to 'special circumstances' have been updated to 'exceptional circumstances' and links to the policy are to be updated once this policy is published.</p> <p>If the Committee approves the amendments to the Board of Examiners Handbook, the links to this policy will also need to be updated.</p>