



Appeals:

FAQs in relation to the 2025/26 Marking Assessment Boycott (MAB) & strike action and the impact on Student Appeals

Marking Assessment Boycott (MAB)

Q. Can I appeal against my provisional award, unclassified degree or a degree that has not yet been confirmed?

A. No. Students can only appeal awards that have been confirmed as final by their Board of Examiners. A provisional award or unclassified degree or unconfirmed/provisional marks do not represent a final decision, so they are not open to appeal.

Once all course marks are available, your final results and award classification will be published to you as soon as is practicably possible. Once published, your degree will be open to appeal in line with the [Appeal Regulations](#). Please be aware of the appeal timescales listed in the regulations.

Q. Can I appeal against my classified degree that includes marks/course that have been impacted by the Marking and Assessment Boycott?

A. You can submit an appeal provided you have grounds; **however**, students can only appeal against awards or courses that have been confirmed as final by their Board of Examiners.

Therefore, we **will not be able to consider appeals against any courses/marks which are provisional or unavailable or awards which are provisional or unclassified**. Ratified marks can be appealed in the standard way if you feel you have grounds in line with the, [Appeal Regulations](#), but the marks impacted by the *Marking and Assessment Boycott* **will not be considered at this time**.

Appeals which are made that relate to missing marks, e.g., if you feel that you would have received a higher classification if missing marks were considered, **will not be accepted at this stage**. All appeals will be screened and if your appeal is based solely or partly on courses impacted by the *Marking and Assessment Boycott*, you will be informed and either the whole submission or the relevant parts will not be considered at this time.

Please note that we do not keep ineligible appeals on our system, and it is the student's responsibility to adhere to the appropriate timescales if they decide to resubmit their appeal when their results are finalised.

The provisional or unavailable marks will become available at a later date. Once these marks are available, your degree classification will be reconsidered in light of these marks. You will then be informed of the outcome, and you will be issued with an updated degree certificate to reflect this. If, at this point, you feel you have grounds to appeal, the appeal process will be available to you.

Q. My progression decision has been deferred; can I appeal this?

- A. No. The deferral of a progression decision is not open to appeal as it is not a final decision. If you have concerns about your progression, we suggest contacting your School.

Once a progression decision is made and ratified by the relevant Board of Examiners/Committee. This decision will be open to appeal in line with the [Appeal Committee](#). Please be aware of appeal timescales listed in the regulations.

Q. Can I appeal a course result impacted by the Marking and Assessment Boycott even if I have progressed into the next year of my programme?

- A. If your course has been impacted by the Marking and Assessment Boycott and you have not received a final mark; this **will not be open to appeal yet**. Any mark that has not been ratified will be considered provisional until it is confirmed by the appropriate Board of Examiners/Committee.

Once your course marks have been confirmed as final, they will be open to appeal under the [Appeal Regulation](#) timescales. These will still be open to appeal even if you receive the ratified marks during the next year of your programme.

Q. My course was impacted by strike action, can I appeal on this basis?

- A. The impact of strike action does not automatically represent grounds for appeal under Ground A and B of the [Appeal Regulations](#). This is because your School would have considered the impact and may have made changes to teaching and assessment to mitigate strike action to ensure Learning Outcomes can be met and informed by the relevant Board of Examiners of any steps they took.

Information on the University's response to Industrial Action can be found here: <https://registryservices.ed.ac.uk/industrial-action>

For information on specific mitigation, relevant to your courses, you should contact your School directly.

Q. I have concerns about my current situation, who can I approach for support?

- A. We appreciate the impact that the *Marking and Assessment Boycott* is having on students and if you have any concerns in relation to your academic progress, you should contact your School in the first instance.

Health and Wellbeing support is also available for all student and information on this can be found here: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/health-wellbeing>

For appeal process queries, you are welcome to contact the Appeal Team via academic.appeals@ed.ac.uk

However, as the department that administers the appeal process, we cannot provide you with advice or guidance on the strengths or merits of any potential appeal you might wish to make, as this would constitute a conflict of interest. We are only able to provide you with advice about the procedural aspects of the University's appeal process.

They [Edinburgh University Students' Association \(EUSA\) Advice Place](#) would be beneficial to you to discuss your situation and concerns with an Academic Advisor at the Advice Place.

The [Advice Place](#) are independent of the University and can offer free and impartial advice to students in matters relating to appeals. You can contact the Advice Place in the following ways -

Telephone - 0131 650 9225 OR Email - academic.advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk or advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk

Q. *Can I raise my appeal to the Ombudsman (SPSO)?*

- A. No. They [Scottish Public Services Ombudsman \(SPSO\)](#) can accept cases after you have gone through the University Appeal procedure, and you have received a Completion of Procedures letter with your outcome.

As unclassified/unconfirmed degrees or marks impacted by the Marking Assessment Boycott are not yet eligible for appeal, they are then not yet able to go through the University Appeal Procedure and cannot be submitted to the SPSO for consideration at this time.