



## Changes to Academic Regulations in response to Covid-19 exceptional circumstances

### Summary for Students

We have made some changes to our Academic Regulations to support you and your academic progression. These will affect all assessment with a submission date after 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

We acknowledge that submitting assessments online can be stressful and that internet connections are under a lot of pressure at the moment, therefore;

- Any written coursework assessment submitted late, but within 24 hours of a submission deadline, will have no mark reduction applied to it. Assessment submitted more than 24 hours late will be recorded as 0% as usual.

Extenuating Circumstances' guidelines have been changed to acknowledge the enormous strain on the healthcare system and difficult circumstances you may find yourself in.

- You do not need to apply through extenuating circumstances: missed assessments. If you do not submit an assessment, then your next assessment point will automatically be under the same conditions, i.e. if you are not capped at a pass mark for this assessment then your next assessment would not be capped either. If you are capped at a pass mark for this assessment then your next assessment will be capped in the same way. We are going to do this automatically for you in our boards of examiners.
- You can self-certificate as many times as appropriate if you do need to make an application for extenuating circumstances for any reason, e.g. for an extension or removal of a mark. We have removed the restriction that you can only do this once in an academic year.
- You can self-certificate for the length of time you are affected, which may be more than 5 days.

We have recognised two circumstances when you may not need to do further assessment to gain credit towards your award. At this challenging time we want to ensure that we only ask you to complete assessment if it is required to meet your programme's learning outcomes and the requirements of any professional bodies that might accredit your future awards.

1. You may have already completed and passed assessment demonstrating that you have met a module's learning outcomes. If your department feels that it is in your best interests, then we may recommend that the module be changed to Pass/Fail and you are awarded a Pass in that module without having to do more assessment.
2. We know that there are a few modules where we have not been able to complete teaching and assessment. For example if it contained a study trip or event that the government has advised us not to complete. If these modules are optional, and therefore not required to meet your programme learning outcomes, then we will award you excused credit at the same level as the module.

In both of these circumstances we will give you credit but won't give you percentage marks that count towards your overall award mark and differential awards. In this way we are supporting you to progress and there should be minimal impact on whether you get a merit or distinction, or an upper second or a first.

Any questions? Contact [student.advisors@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:student.advisors@hartpury.ac.uk) or your Academic Personal Tutor