

## **Examination Board Guidance 2023-24**

# **UG Late Summer Boards and Postgraduate Boards**

#### Scope

This is a staff guidance document for colleagues managing and supporting the undergraduate and postgraduate Subject Exam Boards (SEBs). It is produced by the Assessment Governance team in the Directorate of Governance and Legal Services (DGLS). This document is to assist colleagues with the preparation and management of exam board business and, therefore, not intended for as student focussed guidance on the Exam Board process.

This document will detail the relevant processes and regulations for the current year, but SEBs should be mindful that some students under consideration at the Board may fall under previous regulations, including those adopted to mitigate the effects of the <u>pandemic</u>.

Award rules held within SITS are maintained by the Data Quality Team (DQT) and reflect any amendments made to the Regulations. Each student's entry in the SEB Board report will include the regulations which apply to their progression and award.

In using this guidance SEBs should also refer to the relevant <u>Academic Regulations</u> and the <u>Assessment Handbook</u>.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Assessment Governance team at <a href="mailto:qualityandstandards@qmul.ac.uk">qualityandstandards@qmul.ac.uk</a>.

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## Pre Examination Board

#### **Marking**

Standard marking procedures can be found in Chapter 5 of the <u>Assessment Handbook</u>. Complete paper trails of marking and moderation/second marking remain critical to the SEB process as these are required by external examiners and also in the review and resolution of student appeals or required in case of challenge from a regulator.

SEBs are responsible for ensuring that the correct marks are entered into Mysis by the stated deadline (see App 3 for important dates.) The IT generated SEB Board Reports extract data from SITS, and the award/progression rules cannot be applied until student's have a full mark profile. Although SEBs are responsible for confirming module results, not all students taking a module may fall under the same Board. Therefore, it is important to avoid mark changes after the deadline, as these could affect the decisions of another SEB.

SEBs should be particularly mindful of joint honour students when amending marks after the deadline, especially where they are not the home School, as the student(s) overall outcome may be

affected by the change. Communications between SEBs is vital to ensure no student's award/progression is affected by late mark changes.

#### **External examiners**

External examiners are appointed from the 1<sup>st</sup> September and complete on the 31<sup>st</sup> December four years later. They are appointed to each programme of study, or multiple cognate programmes, and are members of the Subject Examination Board. Their primary role is to ensure that the standard of Queen Mary assessment and awards are consistent with those of other UK HEIs, to ensure that all students are treated equitably and that due consideration is given to individual student cases where necessary.

SEBs should ensure that the external is given sufficient time to review and confirm marking prior to the mark deadline. SEBs devise their own method of sharing sample packs and must ensure that all externals are able to access samples before the exam board. Communications with eternal examiners is key to ensuring they have a clear calendar of tasks and are able to raise any issues with availability in good time. Clear paper trails of relevant correspondence should be kept to confirm their review and approval of module marking.

#### Attendance at Undergraduate Late Summer Boards

External examiners are not required to attend the late summer UG SEB though they may choose to do so. Their views and endorsement shall still be sought and this can be via email.

#### Attendance at Postgraduate Boards

External examiners will have confirmed marking on 2023/24 taught modules at the July meetings and will now be asked to confirm marking on dissertations/project and also to confirm the consideration of award for our September start cohorts.

#### **Extenuating Circumstances**

Each SEB must hold an EC-sub-Board prior to the meeting of the full SEB to consider EC claims. School specific guidance and information in the online portal informs students that the deadline for the submission of ECs and any outstanding supporting documentation is three working days prior to this meeting. A set of confidential minutes should be taken and retained for reference; the SEB only requires a summary of recommended actions from the sub-Board.

EC sub-Boards are Chaired by a senior member of the School/Institute, such as the Senior Tutor, but they cannot be the SEB Chair. The sub-Board considers claims to determine validity and make recommendations to the SEB on any actions to be taken. SEBs are reminded that extensions cannot be granted where marking will not be completed by the mark entry deadline, this relates to all coursework and dissertations/projects.

In extreme cases the recommended outcome many require discussion at the SEB. The sub-Board Chair will only outline specific detail where strictly necessary; it should be sufficient for the EC sub-Board Chair to confirm the extent of ECs to the SEB without disclosing their nature.

SEBs are once again reminded of the need to communicate with each other regarding EC outcomes, where the module may be owned by the SEB but taken by a student outside of the School/Institute, to ensure that mark changes are made before the students' progression/award outcome is considered by their home School.

Potential EC outcomes for the SEB (see Regulation 3.57) are:

- i. Approve a first sit.
- ii. Approve discounting the affected element of assessment from the module mark if it counts for no more than 20 per cent of the module mark.
- iii. Recommend a first take to the DEB.
- iv. Recommend deferral of classification (UG only) to the DEB.

#### 2021-22 Regulatory changes

SEBs are reminded that permitted EC outcomes (Regulation 3.57) were revised in 2021-22 to remove:

- former clause iv: so that ECs could no longer be a factor in considering borderline candidates.
- former clause vi: so that ECs could no longer be used to discount up to 30 credits of affected modules from the calculation of the overall Classification Mark. (UG only)

If the SEB is unsure on application of Regulations for students who entered prior to September 2021, they should contact <u>DGLS</u>.

#### Late Work Penalties and non submission/attendance

If an assignment requiring submission is submitted after the specified deadline it should be recorded as late and a penalty applied (*Regulation 3.48*). If a student has valid ECs then the penalty may be fully or partially waived. It is the responsibility of the SEB to ensure that all adjustments to marks for late submission, or subsequent accepted ECs, are made in SITS and that these are reflected in the SEB Board report provided to the SEB.

As above it is important for SEBs to communicate any changes to marks made after the mark entry deadline, where these affect the mark profile of students from other School/Institutes.

Where an assignment is a face to face examination or an online assessment that doesn't permit late submission the work is marked as "ONS" (zero non-sit/submission). Any valid EC outcome would therefore be to approve a deferral of attempt to the next opportunity and recorded as "O NA" (zero, ECs accepted).

#### **Running SEB Reports**

Please replace your bookmarked link with this new link to the SEB Report generator: <a href="https://webapps-private.its.qmul.ac.uk/seb">https://webapps-private.its.qmul.ac.uk/seb</a>

SEBs should check that all staff who need to run reports are able to log in and do so, before you need to run the reports. If relevant SEB staff do not have access, email <u>DGLS</u> with their details to arrange access.

The reports extract data from SITS and that data is refreshed every hour during the exam board window. It is important that SEBs run reports and check these prior to the SEB to identify students with outstanding marks or on hold due to an ongoing alleged academic misconduct investigation or to identify potential errors with the student record.

If SEBs identify any issues with the outcomes on the report – i.e. students not calculating for award/progression - these need to be reported for Student Records or DQT to investigate, and should be made via a MySIS helpcall. SEBs are reminded that the onus is on the SEB to look closely at the

profiles of students who have a progress code of "RVW" (review). This code means that there is an issue with the student's profile which is preventing the underlying progression and award rules from being applied correctly. The SITS generated "Student Detail" report may help to identify the cause i.e. missing module selection status. If the error is something that can be fixed by DQT/Student records prior to the S/DEB this should be raised via a help call. Where there is a fundamental issue this may require action by the S/DEB i.e. request a suspension of regulations. This may be an issue already identified by the SEB and the appropriate action taken, therefore SEB should review their own records and may still be required to undertake a manual calculation for award.

Both Student Records and DQT run reports following the mark deadline to undertake quality checks, therefore please do not start to run reports until the date/time stated below. If your SEB is to run outside of the standard exam board window, please contact DQT/Student Records, via a helpcall, in good time so that they can preparing the student record and associated data for SEB review.

Full guidance on the format and detail of the report can be found in the <u>Assessment Handbook</u> <u>appendices</u>.

## **Useful Reports in MySIS and Training**

MySIS training documents remain accessible under the "SIS Support and Training" tab in Mysis. These documents also provide a glossary for the codes used in the SEB reports (see also appendix 1). Those new to SEBs or requiring refresher training can request this under the same tab in MySIS. Colleagues from DQT will run ad hoc sessions, so please ensure you provide your availability when logging the request.

Following previous developments, SEBs are reminded that they are able to run various MySIS reports to assist with the location and updating of individual missing marks prior to the Board:

- To check for missing marks: located in the "Mark Entry Reports" container, which is located under the "Assessments" tab in MySIS
- To calculate progression/award for individual students: "Calculate Progress Codes", is located under the "Progression and Awards" tab of MySIS.
- Review of progression/award: "Progression-SEB/DEB Preparation Report" is located in the
   "Progression Reports" container under the "Progression and Awards" tab. This is real-time data
   and is used in conjunction with the "Calculate Progress Codes" so that SEBs do not have to
   await the SEB report refresh to confirm the outcome of any mark changes.

During the exam period DQT and Student Records monitor the helpdesk, closely, to prioritise SEB related queries to ensure the Board Reports are correct for the SEB.

#### **Examination Board**

#### **Templates**

DGLS reviews and updates the SEB Agenda, Minute, Report to DEB and Chair's Action templates every year and these can be found on the <u>DGLS webpages</u>. The templates also have specific guidance to assist Chairs and Secretaries with the business of the Board. The Agenda outlines the business that the SEB must undertake and the Minute template provides a standard form of words to ensure clear and concise recording of decisions.

SEBs do not need to record the outcomes of every student, and may submit copies of their SEB Board reports as appendices to the minutes. The Minute template and guidance identifies which students must have a formal mention in the minutes, and these are mainly those where the Board is recommending an alternate recommendation to that generated in the Boad Report.

#### **Quoracy**

Quorum for an SEB is 50% of the total membership or five members, whichever is the fewer. This shall include the Chair, and/or deputy Chair and at least one external examiner (PGT Boards). Full details on running an SEB can be found in section 6.40 of the <u>Assessment Handbook</u>.

#### **Reviewing module results**

All SEBs follow the standard marking practices as per the Assessment Handbook and it is the role of the SEB to confirm the marks of all modules before considering the mark profiles of students. During the Late Summer period this will only be for taught modules where resits have taken place in the late summer. For Post graduate Boards they are required to review and confirm the module marks for their dissertation/project module(s). The Power BI tool has considerable functionality that will help with the review of results on a student, assessment, and modular basis.

Relevant SEB colleagues should ensure they have the required permissions to access the BI tool.

## **Consideration of Student Results - Progression**

The Board should consider the mark profiles of all pre-final year students, this includes:

- All students on UG programmes, whose progression was pending the outcome of late summer resits.
- All students on multi year PG programmes, whose progression was pending the outcome of late summer resits.

The standard progression rules, as set out in the relevant edition of the Academic Regulations, apply for all programmes, both UG and PG. All students who could benefit from the 2019/20 automatic progression will have done so. No similar action was required in 2020/21, as QM was able to amend provision in light of potential governmental restrictions.

The SEB has the following approval/recommending powers for continuing students:

Approval	Recommendations for DEB approval
Progression	Deregistration, where no resit attempts remain
First sits and other EC related decisions	First take requests (on the basis of ECs)
Resits	Retake requests
	Suspension of Regulations

#### **Consideration of Student Results - Deregistration for Undergraduates**

Undergraduate Boards will be reviewing and recommending a high number of deregistrations at the late summer board, where students have exhausted all attempts to meet progression. The SEB Board Reports, will correctly identify students for deregistration and note where they are eligible for an exit award of a Cert HE (120 credits) or a Dip HE (240 credits). Please see the relevant paragraphs in section 4 of the Academic Regulations for award requirements and classification.

SEBS are reminded that the DEB report run by DGLS only returns final year students and it is therefore necessary for UG SEBs to list all recommended deregistrations in the SEB Report to the DEB to ensure these obtain approval at the DEB.

#### **Consideration of Student Results - Classification**

The Board should consider the performance of all final year students.

SEBs should note that there may still be variation between award rules for individual student awards, and the award rules in SITS will calculate the award as per the correct version of the Regulations for individual students. If required the 2019/20 mitigations can be found in the <u>Policy Zone</u>

Some programmes have their own special regulations - as noted in Section 6 and 7 of the Academic Regulations - where special regulations have been approved, these override the standard award regulations.

#### Award requirements & Classification

"Award requirements" refers to the minimum requirements needed to achieve the intended award – i.e. credits taken and passed, passing core modules, minimum overall mark etc – rather than how the overall Classification Mark is calculated.

All students are subject to the standard award requirements as set or in the relevant edition of the Academic Regulations and very few will be subject to the 2019/20 amended award rules. SITS will automatically calculate all undergraduate students for award, where the minimum requirements for award are met. Therefore, it is important for SEBs to highlight cases where award is being deferred due to accepted ECs.

Undergraduate students with ECs may defer their award - where requirements are met - to undertake assessment next year. These students will be confirmed for award or for a resit (CRA) at the DEB, and the student must complete the MySIS task to accept the offered resit. If they do not complete the task by the stated deadline they will automatically receive their award.

Similarly, Postgraduate students may accept an award by condoned failure – where requirements are met –therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to accept the condoned award via the MySIS task. If the student doesn't accept the offered condoned award, they will automatically be entered for the permitted resit attempt.

The SEB has the following approval/recommending powers for Finalists:

Approval	Recommendations for DEB approval
First sits and other EC related decisions	First take requests (on the basis of ECs)
Resits (where attempts remain)	Retake requests
	Award, where conditions are met.
	Deregistration, with or without an exit award (where all
	resit attempts have been exhausted)
	Application of the borderline policy to raise to the higher
	class
	Suspension of Regulations or application of unusual
	Regulations

## **Borderline Policy**

The Borderline classification policy can be used to recommend a higher award classification, where the following specified criteria are met. There is no discretion at the pass/fail border, nor is their discretion at module level.

Borderline consideration cannot be automated at present, therefore, SEBs are required to pay particularly close attention to these cases and ensure all cases are recorded in the minutes – regardless of whether they meet the requirements for raising or not.

#### Students who BEGAN their programme in 2021/22 or later:

As noted above regulatory changes from 2021/22 removed ECs from consideration of students at the borderline and the expanded the zone of consideration applied to all students. There was no change to the number of credits required:

Zone of consideration	1.5%
Credits required:	
All UG programmes	60 Credits
(which classify using the Classification Mark)	
CILT	15 Credits
PgCert	30 credits
PgDip	60 credits
MA/MSc/MRes/MPA/MBA	90 credits
Euromasters (SPCS only)	120 credits

#### Students who BEGAN their studies BEFORE 2021, and were NOT finalists in 2019/20 or 2020/21

The standard borderline policy applies, noting the limited ability to use ECs to expand the zone of consideration on the grounds of accepted ECs

Zone of consideration	1% 1.5% with significant ECs in the final year not taken into consideration elsewhere
Credits required:	
All UG programmes	60 Credits
(which classify using the Classification Mark)	
CILT	15 Credits
PgCert	30 credits
PgDip	60 credits
MA/MSc/MRes/MPA/MBA	90 credits
Euromasters (SPCS only)	120 credits

## Students who were FINALISTS in 2019/20 or 2020/21 but did not complete.

Students who were in their final year of study (UG) or any year of study (PG) in either 2019/20 or 2020/21, required mitigating measures to address the ongoing effects of the pandemic. Therefore, adjustment was made to the borderline policy and remain in place for these students only:

Zone of consideration	1.5%

Credits required:	
All UG programmes	45 Credits
(which classify using the Classification Mark)	
CILT	15 Credits
PgCert	30 credits
PgDip	45 credits
MA/MSc/MRes/MPA/MBA	75 credits
Euromasters (SPCS only)	105 credits

#### **Post Examination Board**

#### **Release of Results**

Following confirmation of results at the SEB, Schools should undertake the process to confirm progression and release module results to all students. Results will show in Mysis as "provisional" until the formal release of results date (see important dates below).

Releasing marks and confirming progression for continuing students post Board will give students time to raise queries with the School/Institute and thus give the School time to investigate and update any mark entry errors prior to submission of the SEB paperwork.

Undergraduate Boards should confirm progression for continuing students as a priority over finalists, as these students need to complete re-enrolment and complete module registration for the 2024/25 academic year. SEBs cannot confirm deregistration at this point, these will be processed by Student Records following the DEB.

SEBs are reminded of the MySIS upgrade which required an update to the confirmation task for this year, and the updated guidance is attached to this briefing note (App 5).

Schools/Institutes should note that students who wish to appeal the decision of the SEB must contact their School/institute first to seek to resolve the issue outside of the process. Early release of marks provides students with the time to seek an informal resolution before the official release of results.

A reminder to all Exam Boards, that progression codes for student outcomes which require DEB approval *should not* be released by the SEB. Following the relevant DEB meeting Student Records will process these student outcomes on the part of the SEB.

#### **Chair's Actions and Mark Changes**

SEBs are able to amend marks in SITS post board and these actions should be noted in the Minutes as "post SEB Actions". The SEB cannot make changes to marks following the DEB.

Mark changes which occur *after* the submission of the SEB paperwork, *but before* the DEB: the SEB can make the mark change in SITS, and send updated minutes to Records and DGLS detailing the mark updates. Where these changes also affect a recommendation to the DEB i.e. award or deregistration, the SEB must highlight the change, so that DGLS can also update the DEB report.

Like the SEB, DGLS extract SITS generated Board reports and prepare these in advance of the DEB meeting, therefore it is imperative that the SEB keeps all post SEB mark changes a minimum. This is why early release of provisional results is essential.

Any mark amendments required following the DEB need to be submitted on the relevant Chair's Action template and emailed to the <u>Chairs action</u> email, together with the approval email of the

SEB/Deputy SEB Chair. Where the amendment also changes the progression/award decision made at the DEB, these must also be sent to the <u>Assessment Governance Team</u>, as these require DEB approval. The Chair's Action template can be found on the <u>DGLS website</u>, and a record of Chair's Actions needs to be kept by the SEB.

Chair's Actions are used in extremis, and the template requires a rationale for why action needs to be taken outside of the Board. SEBS are reminded that Chair's Actions, like SEB minutes, can be requested under freedom of information requests and may be used to settle student appeal/complaints. Therefore, the request should be clear and concise to outline both the action and the rationale.

#### **Submission of Board paperwork**

It is important that complete SEB paperwork is submitted by the deadline date and time listed below. Once received, DGLS will carry our relevant checks in preparation for the DEB. Therefore, SEBs are asked to ensure that all relevant post SEB checks and marks updates are completed in SITS and noted in the minutes before paperwork is submitted.

SEBs are reminded that the DEB report only includes final year students, therefore it is essential for the SEB to complete the SEB Report to the DEB to highlight continuing students who are being recommended for deregistration or for a first/re take.

In all cases, the SEB paperwork for submission to <u>DGLS</u> and <u>Student Records</u> should comprise:

- SEB Report to the DEB,
- SEB minutes,
- EC Summary,
- Any First/re-take forms (where necessary).

SEBs may want to take this opportunity to pass on the UG external examiner fee payment instructions to <u>DGLS</u>, so that payment can be processed as soon as the annual report has been submitted by the external examiner.

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# **Appendix**

## 1. Progression/Award codes

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Code	Meaning
Award C	
CIA	Completed with intended award
CRA	Completing with intended award by condoned failure or for a resit
	<b>UG Students</b> : must accept the <i>resit</i> via the MySIS task or they will automatically be
	awarded. (SEBs are advised to discuss this EC outcomes with finalists, prior to results
	release.)
	<b>PG Students</b> : students must accept the <i>award</i> via the Mysis task, or they will
	automatically be entered for any resit(s).
CFA	Completing with intended award by condoned failure (PG): all resit attempts have
	been taken.
CAA	Completing with an alternate award: student has exhausted all attempts to achieve
	the intended award.
CXA	Completing with an alternate award by condoned failure (PG): student has exhausted
	all attempts to achieve the intended award and awarded an exit award by condoned
	failure
Students	s yet to complete
ADM	Admin progression (PG): Students who are yet to complete the dissertation.
ADA	Admin progression with resits (PG): Students who are yet to complete the dissertation
	and have resits in the late summer,
PGA	Progress with trailing credit (UG), students can progress to the next year of study and
	also have deferred first sits in the late summer
PGD	Progress Demote - for UG Integrated students who cannot meet progression to the L7
	year of study.
PGP	Progress Promote – for UG Integrated students who meet progression requirements
	to the L7 Year of study
PGR	Progress with trailing credit (UG) - students can progress to the next year of study and
	also have resits in the late summer
PGS	Progress in good standing (UG)
REF	Reassessment in the same academic year: where progression/award cannot be
	confirmed until resits/first sits are complete.
RES	Resuming study after a period of interruption
RMO	Interrupted student who is remaining out of attendance and not for consideration at
	the Board
Student	records requiring further action by the SEB
RVW	Review (Students progression/award cannot be automatically calculated due to an
	error on the record.)
MMK	Missing Marks (Students progression/award cannot be calculated until missing marks
	have been entered)
HOL	On hold (Student on hold due to alleged academic misconduct/ or SEB Admin Hold)
FNF	Fail no Further attempts (SEBs should double check that deregistration is correct)
ROA	Resitting out of attendance (SEBs should double check that all resits marks are up to
	date in SITS)
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# 2. Academic Misconduct codes (updated 12.6.24)

School Level			
Penalty	Outcome	Code to be used	
i	Formal reprimand	No code	
	Requirement for the element of assessment, in which misconduct occurred, be resubmitted. (This will not count as an additional attempt and the resulting resubmission mark will not be capped.)	хв	
III	Failure (a mark of zero) in the element of assessment in which misconduct occurred, with a resubmission of the element permitted with the same attempt at the module. (This will not count as an additional attempt, but the mark for the resubmitted element will be capped at the pass mark.)	XS until mark is available	
iv	Failure with a mark of zero for the relevant element of assessment, with no right to resubmit.	XR	
	Queen Mary Level		
Penalty	Outcome	Code to be used	
i	Reprimand	No code	
ii	k anning element of accessment to hacs mark	XC (School/Institute to overwrite with fail or capped mark)	
iii	Uncapped resubmission of an element of assessment	XD (new code)	
iv			
	Capped resubmission of an element of assessment	XA until mark is available	
		XA until mark is available XM	
V	Capping the module		
v	Capping the module Fail module, with resit permitted	ХМ	
v vi vii	Capping the module Fail module, with resit permitted Fail module, no resit permitted	XM X	
v vi vii	Capping the module Fail module, with resit permitted Fail module, no resit permitted	XM X XN	
v vi vii viii	Capping the module  Fail module, with resit permitted  Fail module, no resit permitted  Capping whole diet (modules taken and yet to be taken)  NA, Refers to PGR only	XM X XN	

# 3. Important dates

Date	Event		
Undergradua	Undergraduate		
05/08/2024 -	Examination period (late summer resits)		
16/08/2024			
23/08/2024	Deadline for all late summer assessment marks to be entered in SITS		
27/08/2024-	Late summer SEB window (this includes running sub-Boards and pre Boards)		
30/08/2024			
06/09/2024	> Deadline for post-meeting mark changes to be made in SITS. (After this date, only Registry can make		
	changes. Marks are locked via TMR.		
	> Deadline for submission of late summer SEB paperwork - Minutes, report to the DEB and the EC		
	summary must be sent to DGLS and Tessa Cornell.		
10/09/2024	Official publication of results: UG continuing students		
24/09/2024	Official publication of results: UG finalists		
Postgraduate	Boards		
20/09/2024	Strict deadline for all PGT marks to be entered into SITS		
23/09/2024-	PGT SEB window		
02/10/2024			
04/10/2024	>Deadline for post-meeting mark changes to be made in SITS. (After this date, only Registry can make		
	changes. Marks are locked via TMR.)		
	> Deadline for submission of PGT SEB paperwork. Minutes, report to the DEB and the EC summary		
	must be sent to DGLS and Tessa Cornell.		
21/10/2024	Official publication of results: PGT		

# 4. DEB dates 2024 (2024/25 dates to follow)

UG HSS DEB 2 (Late Summer)	18 Sept 2024, 10am -12pm
UG S&E DEB 2 (Late Summer)	18 Sept 2024, 2-4pm
PGT HSS	11 Oct 2024, 2-4.30pm
PGT S&E	11 Oct 2024, 10-11am
PGT FMD	15 Oct 2024. 10-12pm

# 5. Confirm Progress Codes Guidance

# **CONFIRM Progress Codes**

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#### Introduction

A recent TRIBAL software update in May 2024 meant that the out-of-the-box MySIS task used by schools/institutes to confirm progress codes after the Subject Examinations Board (SEB) has been decommissioned and removed.

This has been replaced with a comparable out-of-the-box task that functions slightly differently. The purpose of this guide is to outline how the new task functions. It also details a new report available for staff to assist them in navigating some of the limitations of the out-of-the-box functionality provided.

#### Locating the task and report

The new 'CONFIRM Progress Codes' tasks is located in exactly the same place as the previous task – under the 'Progression and Awards' tab of MySIS in the container on the top left hand side.



#### Which calculated Progression Information (PIT) codes should a school/institute confirm?

As ever, there will be calculated progression outcomes that can be confirmed after the SEB by the School/Institute, some that are incomplete as they are awaiting additional information and others that are confirmed centrally, either because they need an award confirmed by a Degree Examination Board (DEB) or the student has exhausted attempts and additional steps are needed to accompany confirming this.

Appendix A details the codes and which ones should be confirmed by schools/institutes. Whilst the task will only retrieve results for students who have a code that needs to be confirmed, there is also a new report to assist staff with this, detailed below.

# 'Progression Codes Awaiting Confirmation' Report

Clicking on the 'Progression Codes Awaiting Confirmation Report' link in the image shown on the previous page will take you to the parameter selection page.



This is a new report that gives departments a real-time CSV download of all outstanding progression codes for the school/institute. Additional parameters allow the user to determine the data that is downloaded and the results can be split by scheme, level, calculated PIT code and action required. Once parameters have been entered, clicking 'Run Process' will download a CSV file.

Depending on the action selected, the report will return all 'Incomplete' and 'Held' Student Progression Information (SPI) records for the progression point selected regardless of whether or there is an expectation that the school/institute should be confirming these codes. The rationale here is that providing all student information should help to avoid creating confusion around whether a particular student is missing from a list.

Column 'K' of this reports, titled '**Action'** gives an indication as to whether the school/institute is expected to confirm the programme code.

The recommendation is that this report is used as a worklist – filtering the report by actions required or particular progress codes and using the information in that report, such as Programme Code (Column E), Route Code (Column F), Study Block (Column G) and Calculated PIT Code (Column J), when retrieving records to action in the 'CONFIRM Progress Codes' task.

As this is a real-time report of incomplete codes, if you select only those records that require departmental action, then the number being returned on the sheet should decrease each time a batch of record is processed.

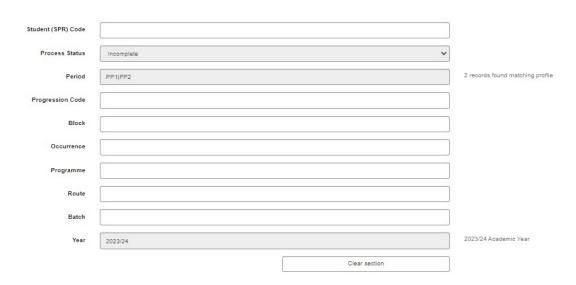
# Accessing the 'CONFIRM Progress Codes' task

Clicking on the 'CONFIRM Progress Codes' link in the image shown earlier in this guide will take you into the task.

There is some help text at the top of the screen that reiterates that only certain progression codes can and should be confirmed. It also recommends that users interact with the report and this guide.

#### **Editable Parameters**

Below the help text are the editable search parameters for the task, which are as follows:



Unfortunately, as we are using an out-of-the-box product it isn't possible to add much bespoke functionality and this includes the report parameters. Therefore, we aren't able to amend the search boxes to allow users to search by route title or list all courses from within their school/institute. This is why the report has been produced and the headings match the search parameters.

Users should be able to get the Programme Code, Route Code, Block or Progression Code from the report and enter that information into the task search criteria.

The search criteria also allows a user to enter wildcards to search for more than record in a field, using the wild cards a follows:



Entering a '|' between two valid values in any of the search fields will allow the user to retrieve the results for multiple parameters at once.

Any Character



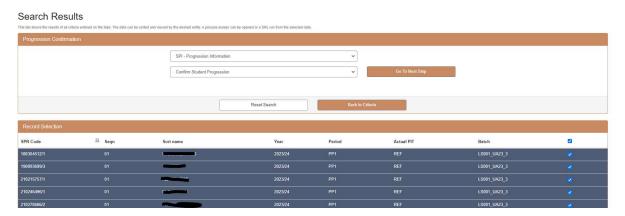
Entering an '\*' after a part value that is shared across multiple parameters, in this case the first half of an undergraduate programme, will allow the results for all programmes matching that criteria to be retrieved and processed.

### **Non-Editable Parameters**

There are several non-editable parameters, some visible, some not. Currently, these ringfence results to courses matching the user's department code, only retrieve results for pre-determined progression points and academic year and only return progression codes categorised as requiring school/institute confirmation.

Once the relevant parameters have been entered, click search

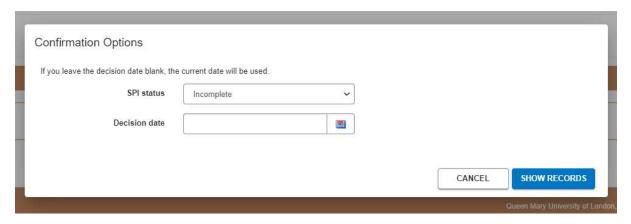
#### Search Results



The next screen will present a list of students matching the criteria. These have been automatically ticked, so unless there is a need to remove a student from the list, simply press 'Go To Next Step'

# **Confirmation Options**

After clicking the 'Go To Next Step' button, the user will be presented with the following pop-up



Again, there is no action to take on this and the user should simply press 'Show Records'

#### **Progression Confirmation**

This screen details all of the students that match the entered criteria, their calculated progression code and some details on their next enrolment status and level.

Clicking the ID number on the left hand side of the page populates a box at the bottom of the page with the current study information for that student:

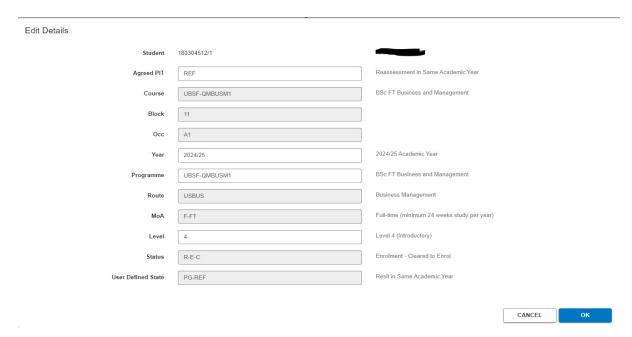


#### **Editing Individual Student Outcomes**

The contains an "Edit" button in the column on the right hand side of the view. This allows a user to amend the PIT code that has been calculated in SITS on a student by student basis. However, this should only happen in certain cases and it is important to remember that:

- -Users must only amend the calculated outcome if confirmed by the Subject Examination Board
- -School/Institute staff should still only amend outcomes to those eligible to be confirmed by schools/institutes. Any other manual amendments will need to be made centrally by Registry Services
- -There is no search functionality on this page, so it is recommended that any individual amendments are actioned on a student by student basis (searching using the SPR code) prior to confirming the majority of the cohort in bulk.

To edit an outcome, a user simply needs to click on 'edit' and amend the PIT code in the pop-up window that appears:



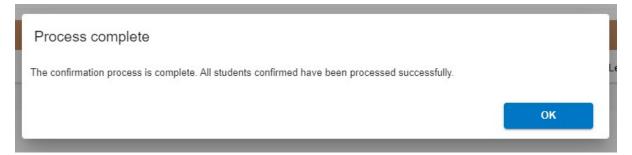
After clicking 'OK' the user will be returned to the original list, which will include the edited student and their new progression code.

#### **Bulk Confirmation**

Provided that the correct parameters have been entered to begin with, the user will be able to confirm the outstanding progression codes at once by pressing the 'Confirm Changes' button at the bottom of the screen.



Once clicked, a pop up will appear and confirm the progress of the process. Upon completion, the following message is displayed:



In the background, the PIT code has been moved to the 'Agreed PT' section of SPI and the record has been marked as Agreed with today's date. This means it is in a position for the student to have provisional results triggered and the correct automation code has been stamped on the record to allow for correct processing as we roll into the next academic year. The records will now not show on a new version of the report.

#### **Post Confirmation**

The user can now navigate back to the search results by clicking on the link below or click on another tab at the top of the screen to leave the task.



# CONFIRM PROGRESSION

→ Student Progression Information (SPI) Search

# Appendix A

PIT Code	PIT Name	School Institute to Confirm?
ADA	Admin Progression - Late Summer Resits	School/Institute to confirm
ADR	Admin Progression - Resits in Following Year	School/Institute to confirm
PGS	Progress in good standing	School/Institute to confirm
RGS	Progress with resits - Nanchang	School/Institute to confirm
PGR	Progress With Trailing Credit	School/Institute to confirm
PGA	Progress With Trailing Credit - Some Summer Resits	School/Institute to confirm
RSF	Reassessment in Same Academic Year SEFP	School/Institute to confirm
REF	Reassessment in Same Academic Year	School/Institute to confirm
ROS	Resit Out of Attendance - SEFP	School/Institute to confirm
ROA	Resit Out of Attendance	School/Institute to confirm
RMO	Remaining out of attendance	School/Institute to confirm
PGP	Progress Promote	School/Institute to confirm
PGD	Progress Demote	School/Institute to confirm
FNF	Fail no further attempts	School/Institute to confirm
CLN	Completing Student - Award Already Made Nanchan	School/Institute to confirm
CON	Completing Student With No Award Made	School/Institute to confirm
COR	Associates waiting to Resit before completing	School/Institute to confirm
ADM	Admin Progression	School/Institute to confirm
RES	Resume studies after period of interruption	School/Institute to confirm
RY2	Referral 2 Next Year (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
RY1	Referral 1 Next Year (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
RSA	Resit All (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
ECA	1st Sit All Modules (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
ECP	1st Sit in all Failed Assessments (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
RF2	Referral 2 (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
RF1	Referral 1 (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
RSY	Resit all next year (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
ECY	1st Sit All Modules in Next Academic Year (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
ECZ	1st Sit Part Modules in Next Academic Year (LLB)	School/Institute to confirm
HOL	Admin Hold	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CLO	Shut down SPI record	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
MMK	Missing Marks - cannot be processed until complete	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
RCF	Opted for Reassessment in Same Academic Year	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
ROC	Opted to Resit Out of Attendance	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
RVW	Review	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
RKF	Retake Full Time	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
RKP	Retake Part Time	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CIA	Completing Student With Intended Award Made	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CGS	Pass Progress / Award Nanchang	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CAA	Completing Student With Alternate Award Made	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CXA	Condonement with Exit Award Made	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
RK3	Retake - Exceptional Third Attempt	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CFA	Condonement at 2nd attempt	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed
CRA	Condonement at 1st attempt	Confirmed Centrally / Unable to be confirmed