

Classification in the Postgraduate Graduate Certificate of Education in 2020/21

The classification of the Postgraduate Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) in the School of Education in 2020/21 is set out below. This document temporarily qualifies the regulations and method of classification for this programme (as set out in the [specific regulations](#) for the programme in the Taught Code, page 20 and in the PGCE student handbook). The Professional Graduate Certificate of Education is not classified and therefore the amendments below do not apply.

Classification on the programme broadly follows the method for [classifying taught programmes at the University in 2020/21](#), with a few exceptions, as detailed below.

The existing regulations on eligibility for the award of a qualification should be considered in the normal way before classification under these regulations.

1. For the purposes of classification, each of the following taught component marks will be calculated (rounded to the nearest integer) for each student:
 - a. **The Completed Taught Component Mark** consisting of the average of all unit marks ('Taught component mark A').
 - b. **The Cohort Unit Exclusion Taught Component Mark** consisting of the average of unit marks from the 2020/21 year of study which have not been excluded due to a cohort impact ('Taught component mark B').
2. The best outcome from the use of each of the taught component marks above will be used for classification.
3. Where the cohort unit exclusion mark will be used a basis for classification, there must be a minimum of 40 credit points of unit marks (inclusive of where unit marks are disregarded for other reasons).
4. Where the condition in 3 is not met, the School and Faculty Board of Examiners must determine whether the relevant taught component mark would result in a higher classification for the student. If it is, the Faculty Board of Examiners must refer the case to the University Taught Degrees Examination Board with a recommendation for further consideration. Otherwise, the School and Faculty Board of Examiners will classify on the basis of the best outcome for the student from the available programme mark/s.
5. The calculation of the taught component marks is applicable at the relevant 'final' meeting of the board of examiners in 2020/21 at the point when a student is considered for classification.
6. The calculation of the two taught component marks A and B is set out in the [regulations for classification in taught programmes](#) of the University.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, the introduction of a secondary rule for classification in taught postgraduate programmes in 2020/21, as set out in [regulation](#) (sections 26-28 on page 11), will not apply to the PGCE.
8. The classification of the Postgraduate Graduate Certificate of Education with Merit or Distinction is as follows:

Distinction: at least an average of 65 for the taught component in level 7 units, with two units receiving marks of 65 or more

Merit: at least an average of 60 for the taught component in level 7 units, with two units receiving marks of 60 or more

Approved by the Vice-Chancellor

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