These flowcharts have been developed to support the Boards of Examiners in their consideration of student academic profiles for progression to the next year of the programme.

These flowcharts will cover most instances however, there may be occasions in which the student's specific circumstances or assessment requirements mean that additional consideration will be needed.

Boards are advised to consult the Board of Examiners Notes, the Conduct of the Board of Examiners, the Academic regulations and any specific programme requirements as approved in the programme specification.

Advice and guidance in relation to these flowcharts can be sought from the Quality Assurance Team (quality@imperial.ac.uk)

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Undergraduate Programmes
(BSc, BEng, iBsc, MSci, MEng)

Module outcome at first attempt

≥40.00 [with a pass mark for all 'must-pass' components]
(Pass)

≥30.00 – 39.99
(Marginal Fail)

≤29.99 (Fail)
or
≥40.00 [but one or more 'must-pass' components failed]
(Fail)

Pass

No further action needed

Eligible for compensation

YES
Compensated Pass

No further action needed

Consider failure in context of student’s wider performance

Student has passed (including compensated pass) at least 45 ECTS

Summer reassessment
(capped mark)

If pass

No further action needed

If fail

Next year reassessment
(with or without attendance, capped mark)

If fail

If pass

No further action needed

Student has not passed (including compensated passes) at least 30 ECTS

Exceptionally

Academic Fail
Termination of study

To be eligible for compensation the module must be designated compulsory or elective, have a module score of 30.00 - 39.99, and all 'must pass' assessment components have been passed. Boards must also take into account the maximum level of compensation per level and programme.

If a student has accumulated significant failure in the first year (Level 4) or year 2 (level 5), the Board may exceptionally consider offering a fresh start for that year of the programme (full retake of all modules, uncapped, no module marks carried over) on one occasion. i.e. not for year 1 and then year 2. Unless mitigating circumstances apply, in all other circumstances repeated modules will be for capped marks.

This will be dependent on the type of module (for example lab based) and the overall mark for the module and year.

The pass mark for level 7 modules will be 50%, regardless of the programme of study. Therefore in the chart above, when considering a level 7 module the mark boundaries should be adjusted accordingly.
Undergraduate - MBBS

Module outcome at first attempt

- **Pass achieved**
  - Pass achieved
  - No further action needed

- **Overall pass mark achieved but one or more must pass components are failed**
  - Fail
  - Summer reassessment
  - Fail
  - **Academic Fail**
  - Termination of study

- **Fail**
  - Consider failure in context of student’s wider performance

  - **Student has passed the equivalent of half the year or more**
    - **Pass**
    - No further action needed
  
  - **Student has not passed the equivalent of half the year**
    - **Fail**
    - Summer reassessment
    - **Fail**
    - **Academic Fail**
    - Termination of study

  - **Exceptionally**
    - **Pass**
    - No further action needed

  - **Next year full rest**
    - **Fail**
    - **Academic Fail**
    - Termination of study

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1. To be eligible for compensation the module must be designated compulsory or elective, to be no more than 1 Standard Error of Mean (SEM) from the pass mark, and all ‘must pass’ assessment elements have been passed. Boards must also take into account the maximum level of compensation per level and programme.

2. If a student has accumulated significant failure in the first year (Level 4) the Board may exceptionally consider offering a fresh start for that year of the programme (full retake of all modules, uncapped, no module marks carried over) on one occasion. In addition, if a student has significant failure across the year (outside of level 4) the Board may advise a student that they should rest in the next year (full year retake, capped), as in their academic opinion the amount of work outstanding is unachievable over the summer.
To be eligible for compensation the module must be designated compulsory or elective, have a module score of 40.00-49.99, and all 'must pass' assessment elements have been passed. Boards must also take into account the maximum level of compensation per level and programme.

The Board will make consistent decisions based on overall performance (overall average for programme and credits passed to date), amount of compensation that may be offered in the programme any other particular factors relevant to the programme.

Where a level 6 module has been taken as part of a Postgraduate taught programme (normal pass mark at level 7 is 50%), the mark boundaries is the chart above should be adjusted accordingly.