

Arrangements for Returning to the University's General Academic Regulations – 3 June 2021, V1.3

V1.1 – includes reference to:

- i. A student's final degree classification can only increase by a maximum of one-degree classification boundary, under 'Degree Classifications'.
- ii. An extension on the period to which the relaxed policy on evidence applies.

V1.2 – includes reference to:

- i. When BPP centres will open for private study.
- ii. Suspension on all types of evidence to support certain applications, not just medical.
- iii. An extension on the period to which the relaxed policy on evidence applies.

V1.3 – includes reference to:

- i. An extension on the period to which the relaxed policy on evidence applies.

This document confirms the transition from the No Detriment Statement back to operating under the University's General Academic Regulations from 1 October 2020. It replaces BPP University's No Detriment Statement (13 March 2020 – 30 Sept 2020).

Introduction

As the University transitions back to a 'new' normal following the unprecedented impact of the global pandemic, the No Detriment Statement is replaced with these transitional arrangements that lead back to using the University's normal General Academic Regulations. These arrangements will be further updated to reflect any additional changes that may be required as a result of external factors, such as government guidance on social distancing.

Teaching

At present, all teaching continues online and the University will continue to monitor Public Health England's advice and to provide regular updates. Some limited exceptions to online teaching are being made for clinical programmes and impacted students have been/will be advised directly.

Learning Materials

All learning materials and [library resources](#) are available online and are accessible on the internet. Students should continue to use these materials to study in the usual way. A student guide to studying from home can be found on the VLE and on the BPP Students' Association Website, [here](#). Students who receive hard copy materials will be advised on the process (e.g. through collection or delivery) by the relevant programme team.

In addition, many of BPP University's libraries are now open for private study, including access to the physical library catalogue. Please see '[BPP Centres](#)' for guidance on how to access the University's physical premises.

BPP Centres

Most BPP University centres were re-opened on 8 March for bookable space for personal study and access to library facilities. You **must** book a space before attending a centre by clicking [here](#). Please note that during the current period services are restricted. Covid-secure measures are in place at all centres, and everybody on site is required to adhere to the steps BPP is taking. Students should remain alert to local signage and be prepared to follow staff instructions.

Ahead of travelling into centre, students should familiarise themselves with BPP's [Covid-19 Secure Reopening Policy](#).

Assessments

All assessments will continue to be online, including proctored assessments and timed assessments. Students will be notified of any assessment that must be held face to face (e.g. clinical assessments).

If students require a face to face assessment due to a learning support need, please contact the Learning Support Team (learningsupport@bpp.com). If you have a query related to the Inspera assessment platform, please e-mail inspera@bpp.com. For other issues with accessing online assessments, please raise a query via the Case Management System on your VLE/Hub¹

In each module, students will be given the opportunity to practice in the exam environment that will be used for the summative assessment. Students are strongly encouraged to engage with these opportunities to avoid technical and other issues on the day of the assessment.

Assessment durations will be in line with the advertised times. For instance, students will have 3-hours for a 3-hour exam. An additional five minutes will be added to all e-proctored assessments to account for administrative tasks such as room scanning. This will mean, for instance, that for a 1-hour e-proctored exam students will receive 1-hour and 5 minutes; for a 2-hour e-proctored exam students will receive 2-hours and 5 minutes; and for a 3-hour e-proctored exam students will receive 3-hours and 5 minutes and so on.

Policy on Evidence

BPP understands that at the moment it is very difficult to obtain evidence to support applications for deferral, mitigating circumstances and appeals. Therefore, until 24 September 2021 students will be able to self-certify the reasons for absence from an assessment. It is recommended to apply for mitigating circumstances no more than

¹ For the **Hub** follow > Help and Support > Get in Touch; for the **VLE** follow > Home > Student Services > General > Launch Student Query.

10 working days after the assessment took place or was due (as per the MoPPs, Part H, Section 6).

Please note, applications for learning support will still require medical evidence and students should speak to the Learning Support Team for further advice on what evidence is acceptable, or how to book a diagnostic (e.g. for dyslexia).

Due to Home Office requirements, Student Route visa students will need to provide evidence to justify a lack of engagement. If you need to provide such evidence, please speak to your PSO Team who can advise on what evidence will be required.

Deferrals

If a student knows they will be unable to attend an assessment (e.g. because of illness), they should contact the programme team by noon on the working day before the assessment. Details on how to apply for a deferral can be found in the [Manual of Policies and Procedures](#), Part H, Section 4.

Mitigating Circumstances

If a student does not sit an assessment or has some other issue (e.g., a technical issue or illness that occurs on the day or during the assessment) they can make a mitigating circumstances application. Applications must be made using the online form which can be found on the VLE under Student Services > Forms and Guidance; or on the Hub by navigating to My Applications from the home page and selecting 'BPP University Mitigating Circumstances' from the drop-down list. Please note, that if an application is successful the assessment sit will be removed from the student record. If the student subsequently finds they would have passed the assessment, the pass mark cannot be kept. For further information on the mitigating circumstances process, please see the [Manual of Policies and Procedures](#), Part H, Section 6.

Appeals

The rules on appeals can be found in [Manual of Policies and Procedures](#), Part K, Section 3. Please note that an appeal against a grade is unlikely to be accepted where the issue (e.g. technical issue or illness) was known at the time of the assessment. If a student feels an assessment was impacted by a circumstance beyond their control, they should seek to apply for a mitigating circumstance, within the required timeframe and not wait for results release.

Degree Classifications

If all a student's assessments have taken place on or after 1 October 2020, the degree classification will be calculated according to the rules in the [Manual of Policies and Procedures](#), Part H, Sections 1-3.

If any of a student's assessments have been taken between 13 March 2020 – 30 September 2020, the rules contained in the No Detriment Statement will continue to be used (in relation to assessments undertaken between 13 March 2020 – 30

September 2020 only) in the calculation of a student's final degree classification. This rule will continue to apply until programme completion. Please note, the final degree classification that is awarded can only increase by a maximum of one classification boundary.

No Detriment Statement

For the avoidance of doubt, the No Detriment Statement, first published by the University on 1 May 2020, with a final version (v 1.4) published on 22 July 2020 ceased to have effect from 1 October 2020.

This includes, but is not limited to, the cessation of the temporary rules on:

- adding 25% extra time to assessments;
- automatic deferrals;
- automatic mitigating circumstances for failed assessments;
- the right to appeal a grade as not representing true ability;
- module scaling (for assessments after 30 September 2020); and
- the calculation of undergraduate degree classifications (where the degree only includes assessments sat after 30 September 2020).

Frequently Asked Questions

Further information can be found in relevant FAQs, available on the BPP [website](#).