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# REGULATIONS FOR AEGROTAT AWARDS

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## Regulations for Aegrotat Awards (Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates)

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 These Regulations apply to candidates pursuing undergraduate certificates, diplomas and degrees, postgraduate certificates and diplomas and Master's degrees by examination and dissertation.
- 1.2 Should a candidate be prevented by illness or other event from attempting/completing final assessed elements of a taught programme of study, the Examination Board, after consideration of all the evidence, may recommend to the Special Cases Committee (using the Special Cases Request Form) that an Aegrotat award be made.

[Note: under 'Assessment Regulations', paragraph 13, compensation may only be applied where module assessments have been attempted.]

- 1.3 Aegrotat taught Master's degrees may only be awarded where work produced for the dissertation can be examined. Where a candidate has not submitted a dissertation, but has completed a substantial part of it, which is available in a format appropriate for examination, a special case may be made to the Special Cases Committee for the award of the Aegrotat taught Master's degree
- 1.4 No candidate shall be exempt from submitting and defending a thesis for a research degree. Therefore, it follows that Examination Boards may not recommend the award of Aegrotat Research degrees.
- 1.5 Where an Aegrotat award cannot be made, the candidate may be awarded any relevant certificate or diploma in respect of completed modules.

### 2. Regulations for the Award

- 2.1 The Examination Board shall consider relevant evidence, which shall include satisfactory medical evidence in case of illness or appropriate documentation in other cases.
- 2.2 The Examination Board shall be satisfied that the candidate's prior performance shows, beyond reasonable doubt, that he/she would have passed but for the illness or event which occurred.
- 2.3 The Examination Board shall be satisfied that there is little doubt that the candidate will be unable, due to illness or other event, to return to complete his/her studies at a later date.

- 2.4 The candidate shall be required to indicate that he/she is willing to accept an Aegrotat award. Where a candidate is unwilling to accept an Aegrotat award, he/she shall be permitted to complete the examination or assessment in question by an approved subsequent date.
- 2.5 An Aegrotat degree, diploma or certificate shall be unclassified and, in all other respects, ungraded.
- 2.6 An Aegrotat award does not necessarily entitle the holder to registration with a professional body, or exempt them from the requirements of any professional qualification which might otherwise be associated with the programme of study concerned.

### **3. Procedures for Approval of Aegrotat Awards**

- 3.1 The Examination Board shall consider as much evidence as possible on the causes that prevent the candidate from attempting and completing outstanding components, including evidence of the prospects of the candidate completing in a subsequent year, within the time limits prescribed by Regulations or with the benefit of an extension to time limits for completion.
- 3.2 The Examination Board shall make a recommendation for an Aegrotat award to the Special Cases Committee on the Special Cases Request Form, attaching copies of all relevant evidence and a signed statement from the candidate indicating that he/she is willing to accept an Aegrotat award.
- 3.3 The Special Cases Committee shall approve or not approve the Aegrotat award. The decision shall be conveyed in writing to the candidate and to the School concerned.

### **4. Reporting and Monitoring**

The Special Cases Committee shall submit annually a report to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on all Aegrotat awards.