

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PROGRAMMES WITH ACCREDITATION LICENCED BY THE ENGINEERING COUNCIL

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1. The Engineering Council Regulations

- 1.1 The [Engineering Council](#) licences the accreditation of several programmes within Computer Science, Engineering, Camborne School of Mines and Renewable Energy Engineering.
- 1.2 The Engineering Council has specific rules in relation to condonement. These are applicable to all programmes which are accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) that are under licence by the Engineering Council (BCS, EI, IChemE, IET, IMechE, IOM3 and JBM). The disciplines affected are: Computer Science, Engineering, Camborne School of Mines and Renewable Energy Engineering.
- 1.3 For these programmes, the University applies a definition of condonement that is consistent with the Engineering Council's definition of permitted compensation, as follows:

Condonement is the practice of allowing marginal failure (i.e. not more than 10% below the nominal pass mark) of one or more modules and awarding credit for them, on the basis of good overall academic performance. Reassessment in condoned credit is not permitted. Please see below for award-specific rules.
- 1.4 These regulations were implemented for the 2020/21 entry year and were then updated for 2026/27. For programmes commencing prior to 2020, please refer to the relevant programme specification for details of the condonement rules.

2. BEng/BSc and MEng/MSci Programmes

- 2.1 Up to 30 credits of failure can be condoned across the programme of study. The following conditions apply:
 - a. The module must be designated as condonable in the programme specification.

- b. The module must not be an individual or group project.
- c. The student must have an average mark of at least 40% across the full 120 credits of assessment in the level, including any failed and condoned modules. The required average will be 50% in the final level of an MEng programme.
- d. Only one marginal failure may be condoned in a single level (1 x 15-credit module or 1 x 30-credit module); students may be condoned in 2 x 15-credit modules, but they must be at different levels. For example, if 2 x 15-credit modules are marginally failed in a level, the student will not be permitted to progress. However, if 1 x 30-credit module is marginally failed and the student has not condoned a marginal failure previously, the student will be permitted to receive compensation and to progress.
- e. All AHEP4 Learning Outcomes must be summatively assessed throughout the programme. A module cannot be condoned if it is the only module summatively assessing one or more AHEP4 Learning Outcome.

3. MSc Programmes

- 3.1 Up to 15 credits of failure can be condoned across the programme of study. The following conditions apply:
 - a. The module must be designated as condonable in the programme specification.
 - b. The module must not be an individual or group project.
 - c. The student must have an average mark of at least 50% across the full programme, including any failed and condoned modules.
 - d. Only one marginal failure may be condoned in a single level (1 x 15-credit module).
 - e. All AHEP4 Learning Outcomes must be summatively assessed throughout the programme. A module cannot be condoned if it is the only module summatively assessing one or more AHEP4 Learning Outcome.