

TMA and iCMA Reassessment Policy

Student version

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Summary

This policy explains the situations when a Module Result Panel (MRP) may ask you to resubmit a TMA or iCMA (Tutor Marked Assignment, or interactive Computer Marked Assignment). This process is called a TMA or iCMA reassessment (abbreviated to TMAr or iCMAr).

You may be offered a TMA or iCMA reassessment in the following situations;

- you did not pass the module overall, but you did achieve a passing score on your final assessed task
- you achieved an overall passing score, but failed a task specific threshold
- standard resubmission is not available on your module and your module has an emTMA as the end of module task.

Scope

What this policy covers

- This policy applies to all undergraduate and taught postgraduate students studying a module that includes at least one continuous assessment task, such as a TMA or iCMA.

What this policy does not cover

- Students who have achieved a pass result for their module (including those who may have achieved a lower grade of pass due to having a low or zero score in one or more continuous assessment tasks).
- Resubmission of the final assessed task, such as an EMA, emTMA or exam (where the module offers standard resubmission). This is covered in the [Resit and Resubmission Policy](#).
- Short courses, non-credit bearing modules or microcredentials.

- Students studying under partnership agreements, including with The Open College of the Arts (OCA).

Support and Information

How to contact us

- If you have any questions about this policy, please [Contact Us](#).

Policy

1. Policy Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline when an MRP may ask you to resubmit a TMA or iCMA, and how it will make that decision.
- 1.2 This policy outlines the process for resubmitting a TMA or iCMA, which is different to the process for resitting an exam or resubmitting an EMA or emTMA via the standard resubmission process. For information about exam resits and standard resubmission of an EMA or emTMA please see the [Resit and Resubmission Policy](#).

2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 The MRP may offer a TMA or iCMA reassessment if you have not passed the module.
- 2.2 The MRP decides whether to offer a TMA or iCMA reassessment based on;
 - your performance across the whole module,
 - the assessment strategy of the module, and
 - the academic content of individual assessments.
- 2.3 Eligibility criteria can vary between modules, but the MRP usually considers students who;
 - Have passed the final assessed task.

- Have an overall score of 30–39 (UG) or 30–49 (PG) for Single Component Assessment modules, or have failed a task specific threshold.
- Have met any other requirements, such as attending compulsory events or completing required assignments.
- Have reasonable scores (for example, 30 or above) on most assessment tasks apart from the one being reassessed. The application of this particular criterion may depend on the weighting of the different continuous assessment tasks

3. Other conditions

- You can only usually be offered reassessment for one TMA or one iCMA (this may depend on the weighting of the particular tasks).
- You do not need to have submitted the original task to be offered a reassessment.
- You can not be offered a reassessment for a task that has had a penalty mark deduction applied due to academic misconduct.
- You cannot request a reassessment yourself; the MRP makes the decision whether to offer a reassessment.
- If you are offered a reassessment for a task that you submitted late which has been marked, but a zero score was awarded, the previously submitted work will usually be used to determine a score for that task.

4. Timing and notification of decision

- 4.1 The MRP makes decisions about TMA/iCMA reassessment at the end of the module, after all assessments have been completed. You cannot be offered a reassessment while you are still studying the module.
- 4.2 If you are offered a TMA or iCMA reassessment, you will receive a “Pended” module result. Shortly after results are released you will receive an email that will tell you what you need to submit and by when.
- 4.3 You may be asked to submit an improved version of the original TMA or iCMA task or be asked to complete a new task. You are usually given around four weeks to complete your reassessment but this can vary depending on the task.

- 4.4 Once you have completed and submitted your reassessment it will be marked, your result will be recalculated and you will be notified of your final module result.

5. Submission of the TMA or iCMA reassessment

- 5.1 You will receive an email explaining which TMA or iCMA you need to complete, how to submit it, the deadline, and what happens if you do not submit or do not gain enough marks to pass the module. The email will include a link to more information and details on who to contact for further advice or support.
- 5.2 If you are a Welsh-resident student, you can submit your TMA reassessment through the medium of Welsh (this is not available for iCMA reassessments). If the marker is a Welsh-speaker, they may choose to mark this directly. If not, the OU may send your work to be translated into English, and this translation would be assessed. Your marker may give written feedback in English on this translation. For information, please see [Assessment through the medium of Welsh \(Fersiwn iaith Gymraeg\)](#). If you submit your work in Welsh, it will be treated no less favourably than an English-language submission. Your mark will not be affected, and you should expect to receive your result at the same time as an English language submission.

6. Capping of module result

- 6.1 The score for your reassessed task will not be capped. However, your overall module result will normally be capped at the lowest pass grade, such as a Pass or Grade 4 Pass. This condition may not apply if the reassessment was offered due to failing a task specific threshold.
- 6.2 If you had [Special Circumstances](#) that affected the submission of the original task, and you submitted them by the deadline, the MRP may award an uncapped reassessment. This means that your overall result will not be capped at the lowest grade of pass. If this applies to you, it will be explained in your reassessment letter.

7. If the mark you achieve on your reassessment is not high enough to achieve an overall module pass result, then you may receive a resit or resubmission result if this is available for your module, or a fail result.

Procedure

- If you are offered a reassessment you will receive a 'Pended' module result (i.e. not a final module result) when module results are released.
- Within a week of results being released you will receive an email explaining how to complete and submit your reassessment.
- You will need to complete your reassessment and send it to us at the email address provided, by the deadline stated in the email. You will normally have around 4 weeks to complete your reassessment.
- Your work will be marked and a new overall module grade will be calculated. Your new module result will be confirmed to you by email and on StudentHome.

Related Policies

- [Resit and Resubmission Policy](#)
- [Module Results Determination Policy](#)
- [TMA and iCMA policy](#)

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