Resit and Resubmission Policy

About the Resit and Resubmission Policy

An alternative format of this summary is available. Please contact the Student Support team via Contact Us (phone +44 (0)300 303 5303), or via StudentHome if you are a current Open University student.

This summary was written alongside the main policy to offer a short introduction. Support from our advisers is available so please Contact Us to discuss this. Welsh-speaking Students and Learners may speak with a student support adviser in Welsh on +44 (0) 29 2047 1170.

The Resit and Resubmission policy outlines the general rules which apply to resitting exams or resubmitting work and the conditions you need to meet to be eligible for a resit or resubmission.

If you do not achieve the required standard for a pass result, your module may allow you to resit the exam or resubmit the End-of-Module Assessment (EMA) or end-of-module tutor-Marked Assignment (emTMA). Where it is available, you will only be offered a resit or resubmission if you meet the requirements of the module, and you attended your exam or submitted your EMA/emTMA on time. The assessment strategy available via the StudentHome module page will tell you the minimum requirements to pass the module and whether or not your module offers a resit or resubmission.

Please note that not all modules permit resit or resubmission.

We will follow these principles

- If you are eligible for a resit or resubmission, we will automatically register you to the next opportunity and you won't have to pay a fee.
- If you are offered a resit or resubmission, we will let you know the date and time for your exam resit or the timescales for resubmitting your EMA/emTMA.
- We will support you to help with your resit or resubmission. Your Student Support Team may be able to arrange individual tutor support before the resit/resubmission deadline.
- We will provide support and help in understanding this policy and its application.
- Students living in Wales have the right to communicate with us in Welsh. Phone +44 (0)29 2047 1170, or email wales-support@open.ac.uk.

You need to be aware

- Module results for resits and resubmissions are capped to the lowest available pass grade.
- If you have passed the module then resit or resubmission is not allowed.
- If you do not achieve a pass on your resit/resubmission opportunity, you will need to study the whole module again, please refer to section 6 'Failing the resit/resubmission' of the policy for more details. Please contact your Student Support Team for advice.

Your data

The Student Privacy Notice provides you with details of how The Open University uses your personal data.

How to question a decision made under this policy

For information about how to appeal against a decision made under this policy please refer to the Complaints and Appeals Procedure. Please Contact Us for support.

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If you have any comments about this policy summary document and how it might be improved, please share this with us, by emailing SPR-Policy-Team@open.ac.uk.

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