

## About the Aegrotat Policy

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This summary was written alongside the main policy to offer a brief 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 Aegrotat Policy describes The Open University's process for Aegrotat awards. An Aegrotat award allows a qualification to be awarded to a student who is unable to complete their studies due to death or serious illness.

Aegrotat awards can be considered under two sets of circumstances:

- Posthumously, where a student has died while registered on a qualification.
- Where a student has a serious illness or disability which means they are unable to complete their qualification, now or in the future.

## We will follow these principles

- The policy allows students who are unable to complete their studies to be awarded a qualification based on their previous study record.
- Students will be awarded the qualification that they are closest to achieving. If they are not close enough to completing the qualification they are registered for, they may be awarded a lower qualification. This is called an interim qualification.
- When considering an Aegrotat award, The Open University looks at:
  - a. The results the student has achieved on any completed modules.
  - b. The scores the student has achieved for TMAs or iCMAs on any incomplete modules.
  - c. The requirements for the qualification the student is or was registered on.

- d. Whether the student has achieved or could be eligible for any interim qualifications.

## **You need to be aware**

- Students or their next of kin should contact an Educational Advisor in the Student Support Team to ask to be considered for an Aegrotat award.
- We may need to ask for evidence that the student can no longer study. We will request this from the student or their next of kin.

## **Your data / key compliance section**

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## **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](mailto:SPR-Policy-Team@open.ac.uk).

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