

Pass by Compensation

Pass by compensation means that a student who has failed to attain the pass mark (40%) in a module, may, at the discretion of the Examination Board, pass the examined module by compensation.

Pass by Compensation Rule:

- The pass by compensation range is 35% - 39%.
- **The pass by compensation rule can only be applied to a full set of results as approved by the Board of Examiners in June and August.**
- The rule can only be applied if it is your **first sitting**. Therefore it **cannot** be applied in a sitting of repeat attempts at passing a module.
- The rule **WILL NOT** apply if **ANY** of your individual module results is a mark below 35%. In this case **all** module results below 40% must be repeated.
- The rule can only be applied to a **maximum of 20 credits** out of a 60 credit stage.
- It is not possible to pass by compensation for Dissertation / Research Project.
- The rule can only be applied if you will PASS the stage overall.

The total number of marks, above the pass mark (40%), gained in the modules passed must at least equal double the difference of the marks being considered for compensation.

E.g. one mark of 36% and one mark of 37% would mean you have a deficiency of 7 marks. Therefore, in order to be considered for compensation you would need a total of 14 marks above the pass mark in the aggregate of the other passed modules.

- If you have any queries regarding the pass by compensation rule, please consult your Programme Director or the Examinations Office.
- **NB: BA (Hons) in Psychology** – Please note there is **no** pass by compensation for the BA (Hons) in Psychology programme.