

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 if you will PASS overall.
- The rule can only be applied to a certain number of modules:
If you are examined in five modules or more in a semester, you may compensate in up to two modules in that semester. If you are examined in less than five modules in a semester, you may compensate in up to one module in that semester.
- 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.