

Exemptions based on Exceptional Circumstances

This guide outlines the process for requesting and approving module exemptions on the basis of exceptional circumstances as outlined in the Academic Regulations.

Exemptions are required when the CMS is not open for edits to the module descriptor and teaching for the academic year has commenced.





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Introduction

Unusual circumstances might require a deviation from a module descriptor during the delivery of the relevant module (e.g. a change to the teaching or assessment strategy) or prevent the completion of a task on schedule (e.g. grades might be entered into University systems or students might receive feedback after the scheduled date). In such instances an **Exemption based on Exceptional Circumstances** may be initiated by the Module Coordinator and approved by the Vice Principal for Teaching & Learning in the relevant College, on the recommendation of the relevant Head of School. A report of such occurrences must be submitted by each School to the Academic Council or its relevant committee.

This document is designed to guide Module Coordinators, Heads of School and Vice Principals for Teaching & Learning through the new process for requesting and approving exemptions based on exceptional circumstances as they apply to:

- Change to assessment information after the commencement of the module to include:
 - Module Grade scale.
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Assessment strategy and weighting.
 - Component Grade scale.
 - Remediation strategy.
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Strategy for provision of assessment feedback.
- Change to any other aspect of module information after the commencement of the module to include:
 - Mandatory text fields: purpose & overarching content; learning outcomes; approaches to teaching & learning.
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Addition of new module requisites.
 - $_{\circ}$ Trimester.
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Addition of student effort hours.
- Entry of grades into University systems later than 20 working days after assessment submission (4.12).
- Provision of assessment feedback to students later than 20 working days after the deadline for submission of assessed work (4.35).





Important to note:

A request to change the *Trimester for Delivery to a module* **may also require a** *Credit Split by Trimester Exemption* **and an** *Assessment Remediation Strategy Exemption* **to be submitted in tandem with the** *Trimester for Delivery Exemption* depending on the trimester change. For example:

- A module delivered in a single trimester and which is changing to a delivery of more than one trimester on a continuous basis (i.e. year long or two trimester offerings) will also require a *Credit Split by Trimester Exemption* and an *Assessment Remediation Strategy Exemption*.
- A module delivered in a single trimester and which will be changed to be made available in more than one trimester (separate offerings) will also require an Assessment Remediation Strategy Exemption.
- A year long, two trimester, or separate offerings module which is changing to a single trimester delivery will also require an Assessment Remediation Strategy Exemption.

Other considerations

- A module delivered in a single trimester changing to another single trimester will require a **review** of the *Remediation Strategy*.
- The creation of new tutorials/seminars/workgroup course reference numbers (CRNs), once the academic term has commenced, will also require a *Student Effort Hours Exemption* if the additional tutorial/seminar/workgroup hours are not already detailed in the Module Descriptor Student Effort Hours.





Step 1 - Accessing Module Exemptions

Module exemption requests can be accessed from the **My Modules** section in the Curriculum Management System (CMS).

How to access

- Log into UCD Connect
- In Connect, click on Infohub
- Click on Students
- Click on Curriculum, Module Capacity & Timetables
- Select <u>Curriculum Management System</u>
- Select My Modules







Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions

- Confirm that you are working in the correct **academic year.**
- Click on **Exemptions** link to the right of applicable module OR **View** to use the **Request Exemption** button within the module descriptor itself.

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Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions

- A list of available module exemption requests will display
- Click on the applicable
 + Start Request button
- There is a marked distinction between the data entry forms for the Assessment Strategy exemptions and those for other exemptions. This guidance document will work through one example from each section
 - Assessment Strategy

Trimester for Delivery

Request an Exemption for CURR10010 - Test Module (Exemptions) for 2022/2023







Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

• Select + Start Request beside the Assessment Strategy & Feedback section

Request Exemption to Change	Exemption Type	
Assessment and Feedback	Module Grade Scale	+ Start Request
	Carry Forward Passed Components	+ Start Request
	Assessment Strategy	🕂 Start Request
	Assessment Feedback	+ Start Request
	Remediation Strategy	+ Start Request
	Feedback Cannot Be Provided Within Specified Time	+ Start Request
	Grades Cannot Be Entered Within 20 Working Days	+ Start Request







Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

- The existing version of the module assessment strategy will display.
- Follow the instructions on screen and click the edit or delete buttons to create a new proposed assessment strategy. To
 add new component lines, use the + Add button.

Assessment Strategy Exemption Request for CURR10010

All modules require at least one component and all fields within that component are mandatory.

In keeping with the revised Academic Regulations, assessment strategies may not be changed during the module delivery, unless the Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning in the relevant College grants an exemption based on exceptional circumstances. **To request such an exemption, please complete details of the revised strategy below.**

You will be able to provide details of the reason for the change on the next page. Once submitted further changes are not permitted Number of Components built for this module - 0

Number of grades entered against components for this module - 0

The 'Submit Exemption Request' button will appear once the Assessment Strategy has been completed

Assessment Strategy Exemption Request for CURR10010

Assessment Type	Details	Timing	Open Book	% of Final Grade	Component Scale	Must- Pass	In-module Component Repeat Offered	Last Modified	
Assignment	1,500 submission	Week 7		40	Graded	No	No	19 Apr 20.2	Û
Examination	Final exam	1 hour End of Trimester Exam	Yes	60	Standard conversion grade scale 40%	No	No	19 Apr 2022	â
Total				100					





Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

• Once the revised strategy is complete, the **Submit Exemption Request** button will appear.

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Submit Exemption Request

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Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

- On a new screen, the **original** and **proposed** assessment strategy will display.
- Select the **Reason** for the proposed change from the drop down menu.
- If 'Other' is selected as the reason, please supply additional detail in the box provided.

Exemption Type & Reason	
Exemption Type Help Information 🕄	
Module	CURR10010-Test Module (Exemptions)
Academic Year	2022/2023 September
Exemption Type	Assessment Strategy
Reason*	Change of Module Coordinator
Requested Exemption	

Proposed change to assessment strategy

Number of Components built for this module - 0

Number of grades entered against components for this module - 0

Assessment Type	Details	Timing	Open Book	% of Final Grade	Component Scale	Must- Pass	In-module Component Repeat Offered
Original							
Assignment	1,500 submission	Week 7		40.00	Graded	No	No
Examination	Final exam	1 hour End of Trimester Exam	Yes	60.00	Standard conversion grade scale 40%	No	No
Total Original				100.00			
Proposed							
Essay	1,500 submission	Week 7	No	40.00	Graded	No	No
Examination	Final exam	1 hour End of Trimester Exam	Yes	60.00	Standard conversion grade scale 40%	No	No
Total Proposed				100.00			



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Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

• Populate the required **Details** and **Prevention Strategy** fields.

Details*		
	Please provide details of: the amendment required, what has been communicated to students, how impact on students will be	
Prevention Strategy*	mitigated	
	What steps have or will be undertaken to prevent a future reoccurence	





Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions Example 1 - Assessment Strategy Exemption

- Use the **Store Draft** button if you want to return to edit at a later point.
- Use the **Send Exemption for Approval** button if you are ready to progress the proposed change to the Head of School.

Comments from Review Proce	ess
Provide any comments for Request Originator a	bout this exemption request. If sending request back, please provide an explanation.
Head of School / Unit Comments	
Store Draft Send Exemption for Approval	





Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions *Example 2 - Module Details: Trimester for Delivery*

• Select + **Start Request** beside the Module Details section.

Module Details	Clinical/ fieldwork/ placement indicator	+ Start Request
	Credit Split by Trimester	+ Start Request
	Trimester for delivery	+ Start Request
	Mode of delivery	+ Start Request





Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions *Example 2 - Module Details: Trimester for Delivery*

- The **`i'** button will provide you with more information on the exemption type.
- Select the **Reason** for the proposed change from the drop down menu.
- If 'Other' is selected as the reason, please supply additional detail in the box provided.
- Select the Trimester for Delivery option from the dropdown menu.
- Populate the required **Details** and **Prevention Strategy** fields.

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emption Type	Trimester for Delivery	
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Step 2 - Requesting Module Exemptions *Example 2 - Module Details: Trimester for Delivery*

- Use the **Store Draft** button if you want to return to edit at a later point.
- Use the **Send Exemption for Approval** button if you are ready to progress the proposed change to the Head of School.

Comments from Review Proc	ess
Provide any comments for Request Originator	about this exemption request. If sending request back, please provide an explanation.
Head of School / Unit Comments	
Store Draft Send Exemption for Approval	





Section 1 Module Coordinator: Tracking an Exemption

Step 3 - Tracking Module Exemption Requests

Module exemption requests can be tracked from within the Curriculum Management System (CMS) via **Module Exemption Requests**

How to access

- Log into UCD Connect
- In Connect, click on Infohub
- Click on Students
- Click on Curriculum, Module Capacity & Timetables
- Select <u>Curriculum Management System</u>
- Select Module Exemption Requests



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Section 1 Module Coordinator: Tracking an Exemption

Step 3 - Tracking Module Exemption Requests

• Requests are sorted by those **Requiring Action** and **Completed**, **Not Approved** etc. Clicking into the number in the Reference column will allow you to view details of your exemption request.

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My Exemption Requests

lî Academic Year	lî College	lt School / Unit	lt Reference	lt Module Title	lt Trimester	Lî Exemption Type	L† Raised By	Last lt Updated by	Last lî Updated Date	\$1 Status
2022/2023	Academic Affairs	UCD Registry	507658	CURR10010 - Test Module (Exemptions)	Autumn	Trimester for Delivery	Sarah Butler	Sarah Butler	08 Sep 2022	Awaiting Action from UCD Registry





Step 1 - Receipt of Email confirming Submission of Exemption Request

• The Head of School receives a confirmation of submission of exemption request email from the Module Coordinator with a link directly to the **Module Exemptions Request** screen.







Step 2 - Review Module Exemptions Requests

• The Head of School clicks on the **Reference number** within the Exemption Requiring Action area to access the full details of the exemption request.

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2022/2023	Academic Affairs	UCD Registry	507659	CURR10010	Test Module (Exemptions)	Autumn	Assessment Strategy	Sarah Butler	Sarah Butler	06 Sep 2022	Awaiting Head of School Approval





Step 3 - Approving Module Exemptions Requests

- Head of School comments can be added for the VP Teaching & Learning.
- Head of School approves the exemption request by selecting **Send to VP Teaching & Learning.**

Head of School Comments for VP Teaching & Learning	
Comments from VP Teaching	& Learning Review
Provide any comments that may be useful to U(provide an explanation.	D Registry in implementing this exemption request. In the case that you are sending this request back to the Head of School, please
VP Teaching and Learning Comments	
Send to VP Teaching and Learning Return to	request owner Request Not Approved



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Step 4 - Returning or Non Approval of Module Exemptions Requests

- Head of School selects **Return to request owner** if they have a query about the request.
- Head of School selects **Request Not Approved** for requests which do not warrant progression to VP Teaching and Learning.

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Head of School Comments for VP		
Teaching & Learning		
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Comments from VP Teachin	g & Learning Review	
Provide any comments that may be useful to provide an explanation.	UCD Registry in implementing this exemption request. In the case that you are sending this request back to the Head of School, please	
VP Teaching and Learning Comments		
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Step 1 - Receipt of Email confirming Submission of Exemption Request

• The VP Teaching & Learning receives a confirmation of submission of exemption request email from the Head of School with a link directly to the **Module Exemptions Request** screen.

	Confirmation of Approval of Exemption Request by HoS
Dear Dr Hu	ton,
An exemption of School, F	on request for 'Trimester by Delivery' has been submitted by Shelly Power for EXMP10010. It has been reviewed by the Head Professor Walsh, and referred to you for approval. You can review the details of this request via <u>Exemption Request Processing</u> .
Kind regard	s,
UCD Regist	ry





Step 2 - Review Module Exemptions Requests

• The VP Teaching & Learning clicks on the **Reference number** within the Exemption Requiring Action area to access the full details of the exemption request

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264377	EXMP10010	Module Exemptions	Trimester for delivery	Shelly Power	Shelly Power	10 Sep 2019	Awaiting VP T&L approval	





Step 4 - Returning or Non Approval of Module Exemptions Requests

- VP Teaching & Learning selects **Return to Head of School** if they have a query about the request.
- VP Teaching & Learning selects **Request Not Approved** for requests which do not warrant progression.

Comments from VP Teachi	ng & Learning Review
Provide any comments that may be useful provide an explanation.	o UCD Registry in implementing this exemption request. In the case that you are sending this request back to the Head of School, please
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Step 3 - Approving Module Exemptions Requests

- VP Teaching & Learning approves the exemption request by selecting **Approve-Send to UCD Registry**. If UCD Registry have any queries relating to the exemption, the exemption can be returned to the VP T&L with a comment.
- The following exemptions are approved and managed locally. These <u>do not progress</u> to UCD Registry for actioning.
 - o Grades cannot be entered within 20 working days.
 - o Feedback cannot be provided within specified time.

Comments from VP Teaching	g & Learning Review
Provide any comments that may be useful to U provide an explanation.	JCD Registry in implementing this exemption request. In the case that you are sending this request back to the Head of School, please
VP Teaching and Learning Comments	





Section 4 Implementation of Approved Exemptions

Step 1 - Registry Teams Review Approved Exemption Requests

- Once the VP Teaching & Learning progresses approved exemptions to Registry, the exemptions are sent directly to the relevant team for actioning based on the exemption type. Assessment related exemptions enter an Assessment (Grading Support Team) workflow and Module Details, Content/Learning Outcomes, Student Effort Hours/FTE Exemption Requests enter a Curriculum Team workflow.
- Both teams access requests via the Registry **Module Exemptions Request** area and action by selecting the **reference number.**

Exempti	ions Requi	ring Action					
Filter							
Reference	Module ID	Module Title	Exemption Type	Raised By	Last Updated by	Last Updated Date	Current Status
UCD Re	gistry						
264375	EXMP10010	Module Exemptions	Assessment Strategy	Shelly Power	Shelly Power	10 Sep 2019	Awaiting Action from UCD Registry
264377	EXMP10010	Module Exemptions	Trimester for delivery	Shelly Power	Shelly Power	10 Sep 2019	Awaiting Action from UCD Registry
264378	EXMP10010	Module Exemptions	Trimester for delivery	Shelly Power	Shelly Power	10 Sep 2019	Awaiting Action from UCD Registry





Section 4 Implementation of Approved Exemptions

Step 2 - Confirmation email sent to Module Coordinator

• Once the required action is completed by the relevant team, the module coordinator is sent an email to close out the request.



Confirmation of Completion of Exemption Request

Dear Ms Power,

Your exemption request for 'Trimester for Delivery' for EXMP10010 has been approved by the VP for Teaching and Learning, and the change has been implemented in the relevant University systems.

Please note that if your Exemption request is related to Trimester Delivery then this may also require a change of Credit Split and/or Assessment Remediation Strategy, depending on the Trimester Delivery requested. Please see the <u>Introduction section of the Module</u> <u>Exemptions User Guide</u> to determine which additional exemptions may apply to your module.

Changes made based on Exemption requests approved by **13 January** will be carried forward to the next Academic Year. Any Exemption Requests submitted from **14 January onwards** will not carry forward and therefore will need to be manually updated in the Curriculum Management System when the Module Descriptor is open for edits.



Kind regards, UCD Registry



Section 5 Exemption Reporting

Step 1 - Accessing Module Exemption Reporting

Module exemption reporting can be accessed from within the Curriculum Management System (CMS) via **Module Exemption Reporting.**

How to access

- Log into UCD Connect
- In Connect, click on Infohub
- Click on Students
- Click on Curriculum, Module Capacity & Timetables
- Select Curriculum Management System
- Select Module Exemption Reporting







Section 5 Exemption Reporting

Schools are required to submit an annual report of exemptions approved to the Academic Council or its nominee.

- Select relevant academic year
- Report by Exemption Type and by School
- Reports can be downloaded in PDF or excel format

Module Exemptions Reporting





Section 6 FAQs

What's the difference between a derogation and a module exemption based on exceptional circumstances?

A derogation is a deviation from the Academic Regulations, approved by a Governing Board or School and UPB. Module exemptions cover unusual circumstances necessitating a deviation from a descriptor in the course of module delivery or delay in completing a task on schedule.

I'm a Module Coordinator and have raised an exemption request, but my Head of School isn't available to log on to progress this. What do I do?

- Submit your exemption request using the online system.
- Send an email your Head of School, copying <u>grading.support@ucd.ie</u> (for exemptions relating to Assessment & Feedback sections of the descriptor) or <u>curriculum@ucd.ie</u> (for all other sections), asking your Head of School to confirm by return email whether the exemption can be recommended to the College Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning.
- On receipt of written confirmation from your Head of School, UCD Registry will progress your request.

If your Head of School isn't available to respond by email, correspondence must also include the member of faculty authorised to make decisions on behalf of the Head of School in their absence. This decision-making authority should be clearly indicated on correspondence to UCD Registry.





Section 6 FAQs

I've recommended an exemption request from a Module Coordinator but the College Vice-Principal isn't available to progress this. What do I do?

- Send an email your College Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning, copying <u>grading.support@ucd.ie</u> (for exemptions relating to Assessment & Feedback sections of the descriptor) or <u>curriculum@ucd.ie</u> (for all other sections), asking whether the exemption request may be approved.
- On receipt of written confirmation from your College Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning, UCD Registry will progress your request.

If your College Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning isn't available to respond by email, correspondence must also include the member of faculty authorised to make decisions on behalf of the College Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning in their absence. This decision-making authority should be clearly indicated on correspondence to UCD Registry.





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