



## **Appeal against a Review of Results to the Decisions Review Committee (Academic)**

A student may submit an appeal against the outcome of a review of interim assessment or review of grade to the Decisions Review Committee (DRC).

Students should note that the DRC does not assess the merit of a student's academic work. The Committee's remit is to consider whether there is evidence that University policies and regulations have not been adhered to or correct procedures have not been followed in the matter under appeal. The Committee may also assess whether the grade or mark was decided without due regard to relevant facts, evidence or circumstances or important relevant information was not available for consideration when the original decision was made.

Students must refer to Clause 82(3) of the [Academic Regulations](#) before lodging an appeal with the Academic Secretariat to ensure they meet the conditions for submission.

As per Clause 82(3)(c) of the Academic Regulations, the grounds on which an appeal will be considered are as follows:

- (i) there is evidence that University Policies or Regulations were not adhered to or correct procedures were not followed in the matter under appeal;
- (ii) there is evidence that the matter was decided without due regard to facts, evidence, or circumstances;
- (iii) important relevant information or evidence has materialised that was not available for consideration when the decision was made or reviewed;
- (iv) the penalties (for example, fines or sanctions), where applicable, were unreasonably harsh.

The following are not considered valid grounds for appeal against a review of results:

- disagreement with the assessment methods approved for the subject;
- disagreement with the standard required to receive particular grades in the subject;
- study overload has prevented the student from earning a higher grade;
- personal and medical problems (which are dealt with by deferred assessment requests or a retrospective withdrawal);
- financial implications of not passing the subject;
- the grade or mark is not indicative of the student's normal academic performance in other subjects or previous academic history;
- the amount of time, work or effort the student has expended;
- a penalty imposed for academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism) in accordance with University's Discipline Regulations;
- the need for additional marks to secure a pass grade;
- change in mark or grade following correction due to an administrative error.