ACADEMIC APPEAL FORM

Appeals may only be made against a final decision of an academic body and must be submitted within **one calendar month** of notification of that decision. The appeals process is open to all students of the University of Nottingham, except for those who have had their registration suspended by the University, other than at their own request under the Voluntary Suspension of Registration procedure.

Before submitting an appeal please read carefully the University’s Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure documents which can be found on the University’s webpages: [http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/AcademicServices/CurrentStudents/AcademicAppeals.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/AcademicServices/CurrentStudents/AcademicAppeals.aspx). The Students’ Union Education Advisers will be able to give you help and advice about making an appeal: [http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice/](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice/).

- Complete all sections of the form.
- Remain within the word limit (1200 words) and limit your submission to the facts of the case. You may attach supplementary documentation to support your appeal.
- If your submission is unclear you will be asked to resubmit the form in a manner that enables proper consideration of the appeal to take place.
- Experiences with which you are dissatisfied but which do not fit the grounds listed in Section 2 below should not be pursued under the academic appeals procedure.

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*If any contact details change during the course of the appeal you must inform the Complaints and Conduct Team*
**Section 1 – The Right to Appeal**

Please indicate the type of decision that you wish to appeal against. Remember that you may only appeal a final decision, not a provisional outcome.

- **The conditions imposed and/or the requirement to take reassessment(s) to progress to the next stage of a taught course/phase of research study.**

- **A decision to terminate a student’s current programme of study.** This includes students whose programme of study is terminated but who are offered a transfer to another taught course or research degree.

- **A classification decision.** In addition to appeals against the class of Honours degree awarded, this also includes appeals against the classification of postgraduate awards and of other undergraduate awards.

- **A decision not to award the qualification for which a student is registered.** This relates to decisions made at the end of a student's taught course or research degree; and includes appeals against decisions not to award any qualification or to award a lower qualification.

- **A decision of a University Fitness to Practise Committee or Practice Assessment Panel.** This is relevant to students on professional courses who have been the subject of Fitness to Practise procedures.

- **The outcome of an Extenuating Circumstances Claim.**

**Section 2 - Grounds for appeal**

To appeal against one of the types of decision listed above, you must be able to demonstrate that one (or more) of the following circumstances apply.

- **Procedural irregularity:** That parts of the documented assessment procedure were not applied correctly and this disadvantaged the student significantly enough to have materially affected the decision made, rendering it unsound.

  *Please state the name of the documented assessment procedure and where it is published:*

- **Prejudice or bias:** That prejudice or bias on the part of one or more of the Examiners took place and can be proven or there are reasonable grounds to support the perception of prejudice or bias.

- **Manifestly unreasonable:** The decision making body took a decision which no reasonable person would find comprehensible. You must provide substantive argument as to why this is the case.

- **Performance in assessment was affected by extenuating circumstances**

  The student’s performance was materially affected by circumstances which were, for good reason, not fully communicated and evidenced to the Board of Examiners at the time the decision was made.
Section 3 – Student’s summary

- Please summarise your reason(s) for appealing.
- Do not exceed **1200** words. Appeals exceeding this word limit will be rejected.
- The information you provide in this section will be used to make an initial consideration of your appeal.

**In your summary you should include:**

- details of the decision you wish to appeal against
- when you received notification of the decision
- evidence, including evidence of the attempt to resolve the issue(s) informally with the School/Department
- a concise explanation of the circumstances in chronological order, including the key points to support the ground (or grounds) you believe apply.

Any evidence or appendices relevant to the appeal must be submitted at the same time as the form and clearly referenced and labelled (see section 5). All documentation should be in English and the translation of any documents should be done by an accredited translator.

Please ensure that any additional information is relevant and meets the Policy and Procedure requirements for the presentation of a written case.
Section 4 - What outcome are you hoping for as a result of this appeal?

Please note, it may not be possible to achieve the outcome you seek if it is not permissible under University Regulations or if the remedy sought is beyond the power of the University to deliver.

Section 5 - Supporting documentation

Please list any documentation you have attached in support of your appeal. If you are submitting an appeal against the outcome of an Extenuating Circumstances claim, please ensure that you include:

- A copy of the form you submitted and supporting evidence, including submission dates
- A copy of the outcome letter in respect of the claim
- Any additional correspondence regarding the claim

Section 6 – Signature

Signature

Date

The appeal form must be signed and dated and returned no later than one calendar month after receiving notification of the decision against which you are appealing.

Please return this form to:
academic-appeals@nottingham.ac.uk

or, if you are unable to email the form, you can post it to:
Complaints & Conduct Team, Student Services-Service Development, E Floor, Portland Building, University of Nottingham, University Park, NG7 2RD

It is your responsibility to ensure that the form has been completed correctly and that any supporting documentation is listed and attached.