



UCD Registry

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UK National Marking and Assessment Boycott

To: *Heads of Schools, Senior College Administrators/College Office, School Administrators, Graduate School Managers, Programme Managers, College Office Directors, Admissions Tutors, Marketing Managers, College Finance Managers, UCD Global*

Dear Martin,

Further to our email of June 28th, we understand that the marking and assessment boycott has been resolved at Queen's University Belfast. Unfortunately, however, it is still affecting a number of students in many UK universities. Therefore, we now have to consider alternative arrangements for applicants to UCD who have been impacted by the boycott.

It is recommended that any such applications be reviewed on an individual basis and that, in cases where it can be clearly determined that the applicant is on track to attain the required overall result (2:1 etc.), based on their academic progress to date, they can be admitted on that basis. Any such decisions are of course still ultimately at the discretion of the School. It

may also be advisable to check with students impacted, if they have received any updated grades since their last transcript was uploaded.

Admissions are happy to offer assistance in relation to the review of any such individual applications if required.

Where an offer is being issued, the following text should be included on the offer letter using the 'Individual Comment for Offer Letter' field on the decision screen.

Your offer is confirmed on an exceptional basis given the extraordinary circumstances and on the basis that you are expected to achieve a (insert degree level), per your provisional transcripts. Please be advised that proof of date and award of degree must be submitted, as soon as possible. In addition, please be advised that you will not be permitted to progress to the next academic year or to graduate from UCD without submission and review of satisfactory documentary evidence.

Documentation to be uploaded online by the applicant:

Transcript of academic results to date

A signed letter (on university headed paper) stating,

- impact of UCU marking & assessment boycott on final grades and graduation
- provisional results, if available
- expected completion date and award of degree

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,
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