

Honours Degree Classification Upgrade Rule

The upgrade rule was implemented at honours level Progression and Award Boards from **Summer 2018**

Borderline honours degree performances are **upgraded** to the next classification boundary if both the criteria listed below are met

The rule is **automatically applied** to the Exam Board report (upgrade indicated by green arrow next to final average grade) - no manual calculation should be attempted

Classification Upgrade Rules

Part 1: final honours degree average mark (after Best 100 is applied) ends in 8/9 (e.g. 69)*

Part 2: 50% or more of level 6 credits are also in the higher classification band

Final average mark is raised to the higher classification band

*The figure used is the final honours degree average mark before it is rounded for display in Exam Board reports. **Note:** the upgrade rule only applies to students who are eligible for classification (students with a final average mark of 40 or above).

Example - Student A

- Student's final average mark (after Best 100) is 68.
- They have 60 credits at level 6 in the First classification.
- **This student is eligible for the upgrade.**

Example - Student B

- Student's final average mark (after Best 100) is 59.
- They have 40 credits at level 6 in the 2:1 classification.
- **This student is not eligible for the upgrade.**

Example - Student C

- Student's final average mark (after Best 100) is 67.
- They have 60 credits at level 6 in the First classification.
- **This student is not eligible for the upgrade.**

Contacts and Further Information

Academic Regulations

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