

Covid-19 – Examination Support

Extenuating Circumstances Arrangements in 2020-21

Introduction

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The University recognises that some students may continue to be adversely affected by Covid-19 in 2020/21. In view of this, the following adjustments to the Extenuating Circumstances criteria and operations will apply in 2020/21. All other substantive Extenuating Circumstances criteria apply [Examination and Assessment Regulations](#).

1. A student who is demonstrating Covid-19 symptoms and is following government advice to self-isolate may submit extenuating circumstances to self-certify for up to fourteen days, and may self-certify more than once within the time period permissible for ECFs.
2. A student who is self-isolating and unable to attend campus to engage in core practical learning activities may submit extenuating circumstances to self-certify for up to fourteen days, and may self-certify more than once within the time period permissible for ECFs.
3. Where a student is undertaking an assessment remotely (not on University premises), a student may submit extenuating circumstances for computing difficulties.
4. In the event where a student is affected by local authority Covid-19 restrictions, a student who works either full-time or part-time in one of the professions defined by the government as a key profession in the affected local area may submit extenuating circumstances for work commitments. In these circumstances the ECF period of self-certification may be longer than fourteen days but must be proportional to the impact of the circumstance on a student's ability to study. Any self-certification periods beyond the defined fourteen days are to be approved by the Course Leader.
[Local restrictions: areas with an outbreak of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
5. In the event where a student is affected by local authority Covid-19 restrictions, a student with additional caring responsibilities (for example where a school closes, and their child is now at home) may submit for extenuating circumstances.