1. Guide for Application for Postponement of Assessment / Examination

Following registration and attendance at lectures, it is recognised that in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary for a student to postpone some or all of his/her assessments during the academic year. This guide is to assist you with the process.

This form should be completed if you are aware that you will be unable to sit an examination, complete an assignment or submit a thesis on time, due to exceptional circumstances as outlined on the R33 form. This form must be completed and submitted two weeks before the commencement of the relevant exam session. After these dates should exceptional circumstances arise, you must complete an extenuating circumstances form (R30) in order to have these considered by the Programme Chairperson / Progression and Award Board.

It is essential that the form is accompanied by relevant supporting documentation to evidence your application. Failure to supply this will prevent your form from being considered. The nature of the documentation/evidence is detailed on the form.

You must obtain the signature of the programme chairperson, and if relevant the International Office. You must then submit the form to the Student Awards Team in the Registry. Open Education students should submit the form directly to the Open Education office to obtain the correct signature.

Should this application be approved, you must take the assessment/examination at the next opportunity available to your programme of study (resit/repeat arrangements are outlined in the module descriptor). Each form covers one semester assessment/examination session only. If you wish to postpone more than one session you must submit a separate form for each session accompanied by new supporting documentation.

Postponement of examinations/assessment does not extend the overall maximum registration period (Marks & Standards Section 5).

If your request has been approved, Registry will send you an email confirming the result of the application.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are correctly registered for the module at your next available opportunity. Please check Student Fees for resit/repeat fee implications. (www.dcu.ie/finance/fees/index.shtml)

Please note this process cannot be exercised by Postgraduate Research (PGR) Students.

Important Information: If a deferral is proposed or applied for, you are still liable for full fees.

Your submission will be treated as strictly confidential.

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# Application for Postponement of Assessment / Examination - R33

## 2. Application for Postponement of Assessment / Examination Form – R33

| Submit To: | • Student Awards Team, Registry (with required signatures)  
| | • Open Education office (for Open Education Students only)  
| Deadlines: | Two Weeks before the commencement of the relevant exam session i.e. Semester One, Semester Two or August Resits  

All relevant sections of this form must be completed, legibly.

### Section A: Student Details

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| Programme of Study | Year of Study  
(State whether 1st, 2nd, 3rd Continuous, etc.) |
| Year of First Registration on Programme | Is this your first time to seek a postponement? Y ☐ N ☐ |

**Please tick category of student:**

- EU ☐  
- Non EU / Non EEA ☐  

If Non EU/Non EEA you must read the note for International students on page 4 and have the form authorised by the International Office in Section C.

### Section B: Details of Rationale for Application

Please tick the box below which best describes your reason for your application for postponement. The University requires that these circumstances are confirmed by the professional indicated in each case below.

**Appropriate original supporting evidence must be attached to this form.** Supporting evidence is non-returnable.

- Illness, injury, accident or hospitalisation:  
  Appropriate original supporting evidence must be supplied by a registered medical practitioner, health professional, registered counsellor/psychotherapist or psychologist.

- Family illness (specify relationship):  
  Appropriate original supporting evidence must be supplied by a registered medical practitioner or other health professional.

- Bereavement (specify relationship):  
  Appropriate supporting evidence must be supplied.

- Other personal or emotional circumstances:  
  Appropriate original supporting evidence must be supplied by a registered medical practitioner, health professional or Student Support professional.

- Victim of Crime:  
  Supporting evidence must be provided by a member of An Garda Síochána, or use the previous option if the crime has resulted in serious personal or emotional circumstances.

- Work Commitments (part-time students only):  
  Signed letter (on letterhead) from employer stating you cannot be released to complete the assessments or examinations.  
  Self-employed students: a letter outlining your changed circumstances and  
  (1) Employer Registration Number or other equivalent evidence that you are self-employed and (2) evidence of new contracts, tenders or equivalent way of showing that you have had significant additional work since the beginning of the academic year which could have not been foreseen.

- Other, please specify:  
  Appropriate original supporting evidence must be supplied.
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Period affected by the circumstances

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Please summarise briefly and concisely the rationale for your application. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary

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To be signed by International Office
For Non-EU/Non-EEA students form must be signed & stamped by the International Office

International Office Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________

To be signed by Student
I confirm that the information given in this form is true and factually correct. I understand that this information may be disclosed, where absolutely necessary, to academic and administrative staff of the University directly involved. I confirm that I have attached the appropriate supporting documentation, obtained the signature of Programme Chairperson and where necessary obtained the signature of the International Office.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________

NOTE: you MUST secure approval from Programme Chairperson before submitting this form to Registry. (see Section D)

**Section D: Decision by Programme Chair** *(To be completed and signed by Programme Chairperson)*

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<th>Approve</th>
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Maximum Registration Period Checked *(see year of first registration on page 2)*

Chairperson Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________

(Programme Chairperson)

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Non-EU/Non-EEA Deferrals
Guidelines for Students

Non-EU/Non-EEA students are permitted entry into the country on the basis of ‘full-time’ study at an institution. Their continuing stay in the country depends on this status remaining unchanged. For the purpose of study at DCU, ‘full-time’ study represents a full diet of modules or full-time research, as undertaken by full-time students taking part in the relevant programme.

The Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) is the body that stamps the students’ passports to allow them remain in the country as continuing students. This body has the right to deny this residency to any student that is not taking part in a full-time programme of study in Ireland. The University cannot influence this decision. You should therefore be aware that the consequences of deferring an assessment or examination might be:

- INIS may ask you to leave the country and return for the deferred examination / assessment at the appropriate time or submit the assessment remotely. Depending on the individual module, this may be in the next academic session.
- If the next available opportunity for the module is in the next academic session, you will be required to register as a repeat student for the full module, including retaking all assessment components (see Section 7 of University Marks & Standards)

We would therefore strongly recommend that the request to defer a module or assessment be only submitted under extreme circumstances. DCU cannot take any responsibility for the decisions taken by the INIS or Department of Justice.

International Office
September 2018

Official Use only:

Supporting Documentation Excel ITS Email

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