

## **Eligibility for Certificate in Higher Education and Diploma in Higher Education: criteria for award and programme learning outcomes**

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A student who does not meet the minimum requirements for the award of an Honours degree or Foundation Degree is eligible for the award of either a Certificate of Higher Education (Cert HE) or a Diploma of Higher Education (Dip HE) provided that the following conditions for the relevant award are met.

### **Certificate of Higher Education**

#### ***Award Criteria***

A student is eligible for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education (Cert HE) provided that they have:

- a) achieved an overall average of 40% over 120 credits in Part 1, where all the credits are at Level 4 or above; AND
- b) achieved a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to not less than 100 credits taken in Part 1.

A Cert HE award does not include a classification.

#### ***Standard Programme Learning Outcomes for Cert HE***

Students who achieve a Cert HE have demonstrated:

- knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with their areas(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study
- an ability to present, evaluate, and interpret data/evidence, to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of their subject(s) of study.

Students are typically able to:

- evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to their area(s) of study and/or work
- communicate the results of their study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments
- develop new skills in a structured and managed environment.

## **Diploma of Higher Education**

### ***Award Criteria***

A student is eligible for the award of a Diploma of Higher Education (Dip HE) provided that they have:

- a) achieved an overall average of 40% over 120 credits in Part 2, where at least 100 credits are at Level 5 or above; AND
- b) achieved a mark of at least 40% in 80 credits taken in Part 2, and a mark of at least 30% in 120 credits taken in Part 2, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

A Dip HE award does not include a classification.

### ***Standard Programme Learning Outcomes for Dip HE***

Students who achieve a Dip HE have demonstrated:

- knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of their areas(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed
- an ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context
- knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in their subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study
- an understanding of the limits of their knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.

Students are typically able to:

- use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis
- effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively
- develop existing skills and acquire new competences which will enable them to assume significant responsibility.