

Your classification – Diploma of Higher Education and Foundation Degree

If you are in level 5 (Year 2) and have passed or been condoned in **all** modules, we will calculate your classification in two ways.

1. Average Percentage Mark (APM)

Your APM is a mean average of your Level 5 marks only. Level 4 marks and pass/fail modules are not included in the APM calculation.

Your APM is classified under the following bands:

APM	Classification band
70-100%	Distinction
60-69%	Merit
40-59%	Pass

For example, an APM of 61% is classified as Merit.

2. Your profile of marks

If you miss a classification using the APM calculation, we will consider you for the higher classification based on your profile of marks, provided you meet the following conditions:

- At least half your Level 5 credits are in the higher band, *and*
- Your APM is **no more than 2% away** from the higher

band For example:

Example A (20 credit modules used in this example)						
Module	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mark	63	61	61	59	56	55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APM of the above profile is 59%, thereby classified as a Pass • As half the above marks are of Merit standard, the classification is Merit 					

Please note:

- Classification is based solely on the marks from Level 5 of a Foundation degree. Level 4 marks are not included in the calculations.
- Award boards have the discretion to condone failure in up to 20 credits, but this only applies to non-core modules where the module mark is at least 30%. Condonement is discretionary, please do not rely on it

- If you need more information, please contact the Assessment & Awards [Teams](#)