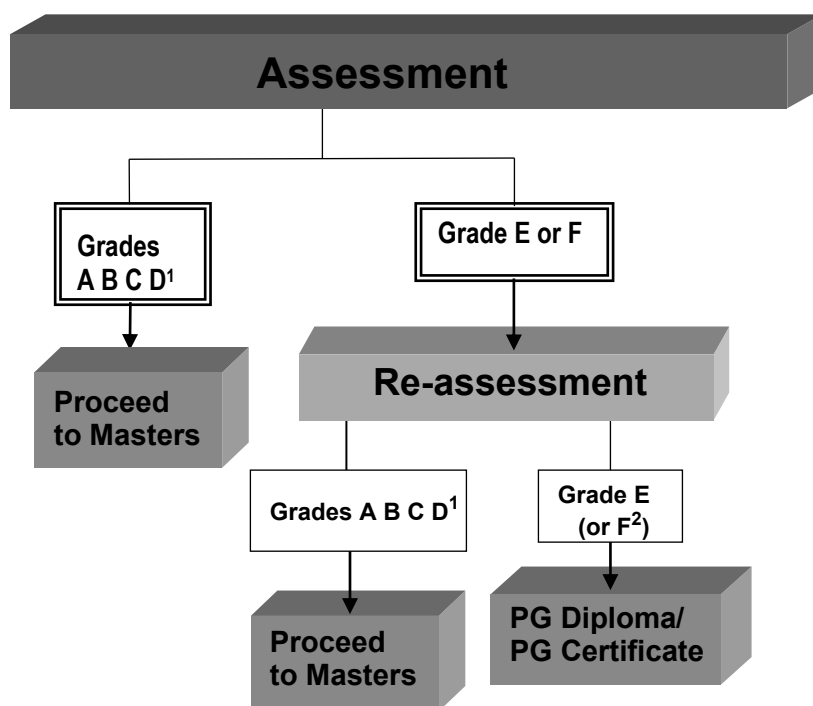


Heriot-Watt Assessment and Progression System (HAPS) – Information for Postgraduate Taught Students

The [Heriot-Watt Assessment and Progression System \(HAPS\)](#) applies to all taught postgraduate courses at Heriot-Watt University. The key features of the PGT HAPS are as follows:

- In accordance with University policy, assessment results are communicated online in the form of marks and grades. Grades only (in the range of A-F) are used on formal printed and stamped Assessment Results Letter issued to graduating students by Registry and Academic Support.
- Course passes at Grade D are the minimum requirements for progression to Masters level, ie to the dissertation/project stage (although your programme may require Grade Cs); Grade E is the minimum requirement for gaining credit points for a course. For some Grade E results, even though you have gained the credit points, you will still have to take a re-assessment because the course in question requires you to achieve a higher grade to pass.
- The University's regulations allow programmes to set requirements higher than Grade D for progression to Masters. You should check your programme handbook/VLE site for further information on progression and award requirements.
- If you gained a Grade A, B or C at the first assessment opportunity, you are not entitled to be re-assessed to try to obtain a higher grade. Grade Ds may be re-assessed only if a higher grade is required for progression or award.
- If you have not achieved the minimum grades, you are entitled to one re-assessment opportunity in a maximum of three taught courses. Please check your programme handbook/VLE site for further information on re-assessment.
- Where re-assessments are permitted, any grades obtained by re-assessment will be shown on your online results and on your formal printed and stamped Assessment Results Letter as an additional assessment opportunity.

The University's policy provides [full details of HAPS](#). Students are advised to consult the HAPS policy for further information.



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1. On some programmes you will not be able to proceed to the dissertation/project component of a PGT Masters degree with a Grade D; a higher grade will be required. Please check your programme handbook/VLE site for details.
2. Grade F does not carry any credits: you need a minimum of 60 credits for a PG Certificate and a minimum of 120 credits for a PG Diploma (and a minimum of 180 credits for a Masters).