

FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS FOR SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SQA)
ADVANCED AWARDS IN NAUTICAL SCIENCE

Introduction

1. The following paragraphs provide assessment regulations for Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma awards delivered by East Coast College in partnership with the University of Suffolk and awarded by

Advanced Diploma in Nautical Science [Chief Mate Unlimited]

2. East Coast College is a Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) approved centre. In addition to the Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma courses, East Coast College provides access to a number of short competency based and skills development courses and associated examinations which are outside the scope of these regulations. Achievement of these, along with attainment of the pass marks

7. All decisions regarding the ratification of unit grades, resubmission and retake opportunities, and

20. Students are required to pass each unit at the pass mark outlined in paragraphs 17 and 18 above to achieve the Certificate of Competency from the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

21. Where students have passed a unit, they cannot re-take it in an attempt to achieve a higher grade.

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will be the pass mark specified for that component (50%, 60% or 65%). Failure at the third attempt

Deferral in a unit

27. Consideration of deferral cases is undertaken in accordance with the Extenuating Circumstances Policy.

28. If the Extenuating Circumstances Panel deems that a student has presented acceptable evidence of extenuating circumstances in relation to one or more components of assessment,

opportunity to present (or re-present) those assessment(s) without penalty (i.e. the same range of grades will be available). The relevant Assessment Board will determine the timescale for presentation/re-presentation of the component(s) in question.

29. If a student is submitting a referred piece of work but extenuating circumstances are presented and accepted by the Extenuating Circumstances Panel, the student will be given a further opportunity to re-present the assessment, under the terms of the original referral.

30. Continuation or repetition of deferral status will be considered only if the relevant Assessment Board is advised by the Extenuating Circumstances Panel that it has received what it deems to be further acceptable evidence of extenuating circumstances.

Notification of results

31. In line with the good practice of providing timely feedback to students, the provisional outcomes of marked and moderated assessment may be given to students before the Assessment Board has formally approved results. Such feedback must be clearly identified as subject to final ratification by the Assessment Board, and therefore subject to potential amendment by the Board.

Qualification grade

34. Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma awards are made on a pass or fail basis as set out in the SQA Award Specification,