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Addition of Classification Thresholds and Boundaries Section

The following boundaries inform classification when the average in the taught component of the degree falls below a classification threshold.

Table 1 MSc by Research degree classification and boundary zone

MSc by Research classification- based on 180 credits	Classification thresholds: average taught mark (mark range 0 to 100)	Boundary zone taught average
Distinction	70.0	68.0 to 69.9
Merit	60.0	58.0 to 59.9
Pass	59.9 or less	NA

A student whose average taught mark at first assessment is within the Distinction boundary zone specified above can be awarded Distinction if a Distinction mark is achieved for the dissertation, no taught mark is below 50% in any course at first assessment, a Pass at first assessment is achieved in components of the programme where only a Pass/Fail is recorded, and submission of the dissertation is made by the end of the period of programme.

A student whose average taught mark is within the Merit boundary zone specified above can be awarded Merit if a Merit or Distinction mark is achieved for the dissertation, no mark is below 50% in any course, a Pass at first assessment is achieved in components of the programme where only a Pass/Fail is recorded and submission of the dissertation is made by the end of the period of programme.