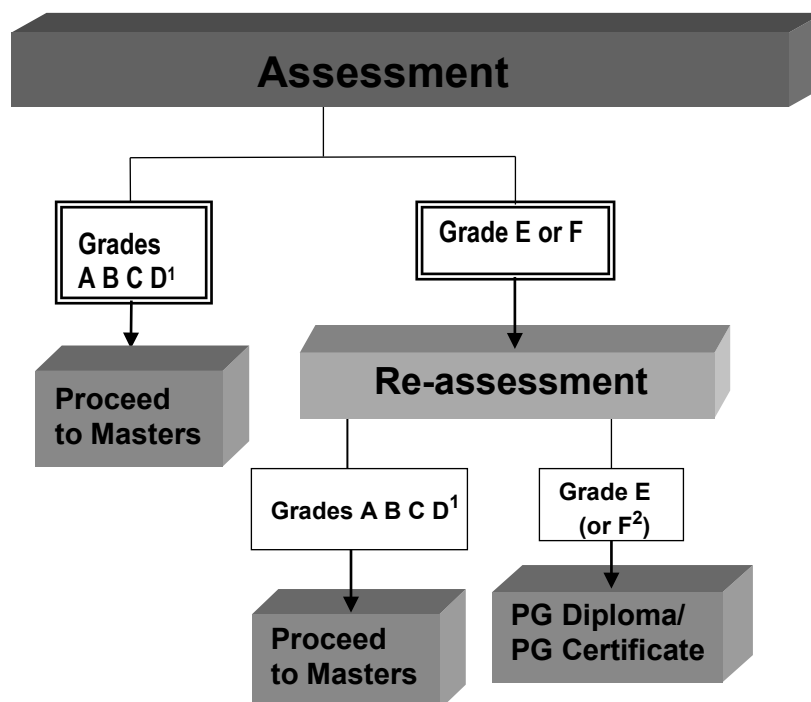


# Heriot-Watt Assessment and Progression System (HAPS) – Information for Postgraduate Taught Students

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 the University's Academic Registry.
- Course passes at Grade D are the minimum requirements for progression to Masters level (although your programme may require Grade C's); 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 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/website 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.

Students should consult the relevant postgraduate regulations for full details of the HAPS scheme at <http://www.hw.ac.uk/ordinances/regulations.pdf>



## NOTES

1. On some programmes you will not be able to proceed to Masters with a Grade D; a higher grade will be required. Please check your programme handbook/website 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).