**Assessment semester 1 2020/21**

At the Academic Council meeting on 19 June 2020 the Institute adopted a plan for *Programme Delivery Academic Year 2020/21*. This included an action to consider alternative assessment, in the first instance for semester 1 2020/21 similar to the approach taken in Semester 2, 2019/20. It is now proposed that end of year in-house exams will be replaced by alternative assessment for semester 1 2020/21.

* There will be no end of semester in-house written exams, other than in exceptional circumstances such as to meet the requirements of professional bodies.
* There will be end of semester remote exams in some instances
* The focus should be on meeting programme learning outcomes
* Approved Programme Schedule will need to be temporarily amended – Departments (HoD/Programme Boards) to propose changes as required (e.g., change CA/Exam balance) – communicated to students by Schools
* Programme Boards to ensure assessment submission dates are staggered the 15 week semester (including scheduled exam weeks).

This proposal should be read in conjunction with the following:

* Programme Delivery Academic Year 2020/21 (Academic Council 19 June 2020)
* General Guidelines for Online and Remote Exams – Covid-19 Contingency Plan for Term 2 Exams (Academic Council 23 April 2020)
* Guidance for Further and Higher Education for returning to on-site activity in 2020: Roadmap and COVID-19 Adaptation Framework (22 July 2020)
* Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: View the Plan for Living with COVID-19 (15 September 2020)