

## Grading of FET Major Awards

The grade of a FET major award is calculated by QBS based on the grades of the components which have been used to get that major award. A number of examples linked below should clarify how the calculation is done. The following rules are applied:

- Each grade has a weighting i.e. Distinction is valued at 3, a Merit at 2, a Pass at 1
- Each component's credit value is multiplied by the relevant grade weighting.
- The results are totalled.
- This total is divided by the sum of the credit values of the components involved. The answer will be a number between 1.0 and 3.0.
- The answer is rounded and translated back to a grade for the major as follows: 1.00 - 1.49 = Pass; 1.50 – 2.49 = Merit; 2.50 – 3.00 = Distinction.
- The credit value of the component is important i.e. a Distinction in a component worth 5 credits (3 x5=15) contributes less than a Merit in a component worth 15 credits (2x15=30)
- Components achieved by exemption are neutral to the calculation i.e. they are not included in either part of the division calculation
- 'Remaining credit' is not included in the calculation i.e. if the award structure says that '*The remaining credit value of X can be obtained...etc.*' then X credits are taken out of both the top and bottom of the division calculation.
- Where necessary to choose between specified components to use in the calculation, the system will select the most valuable. This means that if a learner used components, all of which are in the award structure, then the most valuable component grades will be used.



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### Worked examples of the grading of FET major awards

#### Example 1

Major Award: **Healthcare Support 5M4339** Credit Value: **120**. Remaining Credit: **15**.

Code	Credit	Grade	Weighting	Product	Comment
5N0758	15	D	x3	45	
5N1794	15	M	x2	30	
5N2770	15	D	x3	45	
5N0690	15	E	x0	0	Exemption and so not included
5N1356	15	P	x1	15	
5N0749	15	D	x3	45	
5N2006	15	P	x1	15	
5N1371	15	D	x0	0	Component is not specified in the structure. Used to make up last 20 remaining credits and so excluded

**Major Award Grade** =  $(45+30+45+15+45+15) / (120-30) = 2.17$  i.e. **Merit**



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### Example 2

Major Award: **Healthcare Support 5M4339** Credit Value: **120**. Remaining Credit: **15**.

Code	Credit	Grade	Weighting	Product	Comment
5N0758	15	D	x3	45	
5N1794	15	M	x2	30	
5N2770	15	D	x3	45	
5N0690	15	M	x2	30	
5N1356	15	D	x3	45	
5N0749	15	M	x2	30	
5N2006	15	D	x3	45	
5N1371	15	P	x0	0	Since all components used are specified in the structure, the least valuable grade is treated as the remaining credit and so excluded

**Major Award Grade** =  $(45+30+45+30+45+30+45) / (120-15) = 2.57$  i.e. **Distinction**



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### Example 3

Major Award: **Culinary Skills 4M2063** Credit Value: **90**. Remaining Credit: **20**.

Code	Credit	Grade	Weighting	Product	Comment
4N0627	10	D	x3	30	
4N1132	10	M	x2	20	
4N1133	5	D	x3	15	
4N1134	20	P	x1	20	
5N2084	10	P	x1	10	
4N1168	15	P	x1	15	
4N1989	10	D	x0	0	Component is not specified in the structure. Used to make up the 20 remaining credits and so excluded
4N1183	10	P	x0	0	Component is not specified in the structure. Used to make up the 20 remaining credits and so excluded

**Major Award Grade** =  $((30+20+15+20+10+15)/(90 - 20)) = 1.57$  i.e. **Pass**