

Many at Queen Mary have been affected, directly or indirectly, by the current situation in Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes that occurred on 6th February. To support students impacted by these events we have amended our extenuating circumstances policy, to assist with assessment completion and submission.

Claims for extenuating circumstances related to the earthquakes and the ongoing situation will be accepted for affected students. This applies to all assessments due to take place or be submitted between Monday 6th February 2023 and 31st July 2023, i.e. the end of the current academic year.

To make the process as straightforward as possible we will treat this like a self-certified claim for extenuating circumstances, not requiring supporting documentary evidence. However, please do not submit your claim as self-certified but rather include, as your evidence, a simple statement that you have been affected by these events. This will ensure that this unforeseeable situation does not count as one of your three permitted self-certified claims for the year.

Your academic school or institute will review the claim before approval, with your student record. If you have a recorded link to Syria or Turkey in your record, the claim will be approved. In other cases your school/institute may contact you for some additional details, but will keep this minimal (if you would like to include any additional details within your claim, please do so, though we are keen to make this process as quick and easy to complete as possible).

General information on extenuating circumstances, including how to submit a claim, is available online: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/student-experience/student-wellbeing-hub/extenuating-circumstances-a-guide-for-students/>

Information and support is available through our Student Wellbeing Hub. Please contact us using the details provided for further guidance: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/student-experience/student-wellbeing-hub/>