

## **EXAMINATION CONVENTIONS: DIPLOMA IN APPLIED STATISTICS**

For Diploma in Applied Statistics candidates the overall assessment is based on:

1. Paper (i) Principles of Statistical Analysis
2. Paper (ii) Further Statistical Methodology
3. Assessed Practical Work

The guidelines are 75 hours of lectures or equivalent work for each of (1) and (2), with 1 question per 8–10 hours work.

In recent years (3) has been made up of 2 practical assignments in Michaelmas Term, 2 practical assignments in Hilary Term, and a Practical Assessment in week 5 of Trinity Term, with half of the weight of (3) being given to the Trinity Term Practical Assessment, the other half to the 4 practical assignments from Michaelmas/Hilary Terms. You will be told if there are any changes to these guidelines.

Candidates can pass, pass with distinction, or fail. In order to pass, a candidate must achieve an average of at least 40% on (1) and (2), weighted in the proportion 3:2, and an overall average of at least 50% on (1), (2) and (3), weighted in the proportion 3:2:3. An overall average of 70%, weighted in the proportion 3:2:3, is required for a distinction.

Distinction candidates will show excellence over a wide range of topics. Passing candidates will at least show satisfactory work over a reasonable range of topics. These descriptions are of overall performance: weaker performance in part of the overall assessment can be compensated for, if the overall performance merits it.

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