The award of Pass with Distinction provides formal recognition on the testamur and academic transcript of excellence in overall academic performance in undergraduate Bachelor Pass degree programs where an award with Honours is not available:

- Award with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75 has been achieved in all courses completed since enrolment at UNSW which are credited to the relevant award.
- Courses that have been failed will be included in the calculation of WAM.
- Courses completed on exchange or cross-institutionally will not be included in the calculation of WAM.
- The recognition of other specified levels of academic performance on the testamur for Pass degree programs is not permitted, specifically any award based on levels other than Distinction.
- WAM is not rounded up or down for the purposes of awarding distinction.
- To be eligible a student must have completed at least 50% of the requirements of their award through UNSW. Students who undertake courses under exchange or other overseas study arrangements will not be disadvantaged in determination of eligibility.
- Eligible students are identified by the Program Authority when checking students for graduation. Students do not need to apply for this award.
- It is expected that all eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where a program authority has the approval of Academic Board for a particular program to opt out.

View [historical information on Council approvals](https://student.unsw.edu.au/pass-with-distinction) of Pass with Distinction procedure.

**See also**

- [Assessment Implementation Procedure](https://student.unsw.edu.au/pass-with-distinction)