

Schedule 1 – Hardware Benchmarks and Minimum Configuration

This Schedule applies only to **new** equipment purchases made after the date of ratification of this Policy.

- New equipment purchased after the date of ratification of this Policy should meet or exceed these guidelines, as well as conforming to the list of Tier 1 suppliers.
- Existing equipment will not be required to comply with these benchmarks.

Equipment purchased in line with benchmarks current at the time of purchase will be assured of continuing compliance for the lifecycle of the equipment as outlined in Section 7 – Hardware Lifecycle and Disposal.

All hardware purchased by the University will meet “Magic Quadrant” ‘Leaders’ conformity according to Gartner Group Inc, an internationally recognised organisation for the benchmarking of commercial and personal computer hardware. Exemptions to this requirement must be sought from the Executive Director, Finance & Administration on a case-by-case basis.

Gartner Magic Quadrant conformity ensures reliability, consistency and quality across a manufacturer’s range, and including all aspects such as componentry, service and longevity of product lines. Magic Quadrant desktop/laptop system ‘Leaders’ as at October 2003 include:

- Dell
- Hewlett-Packard/Compaq
- IBM

Further information can be obtained from <http://www.gartner.com/>

All desktop hardware purchased by the University will carry a full three year on-site warranty.

Typically this configuration will be updated every six months and should be regarded as a guide to the **minimum** specification only. The configuration will automatically expire 12 months from the date of publication.

As of August 2005, the **minimum** configuration for a desktop or laptop computer is listed below (this configuration will automatically expire as of January 2006):

Windows PC:

- Processor:
 - Desktops - Intel Pentium 4 processor 2.8 GHz or faster
 - Laptops - Intel Pentium M processor 1.6 GHz or faster
- 512 Mb RAM/40Gb HDD
- Gigabit Ethernet Card
- 3 Year, next day, on-site warranty

Apple Macintosh:

- Processor:
 - Desktops – PowerPC G4 Processor 1.42GHz or faster
 - Laptops – PowerPC G4 Processor 1.33 GHz or faster
- 512 Mb RAM/40Gb HDD
- Gigabit Ethernet Card
- 3 Year warranty – offsite to service provider