

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE BSc (Hons) Technology

Essential Information

Please retain for the duration of your studies with
The Open University



IMPORTANT NOTE: You should read this document in conjunction with the University regulations for this qualification: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

The structure of the B20 degree is changing for students completing it after December 2015: for full details, please see the qualification description

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/qualification/b20.htm>

Until 31st December 2015, you may choose to complete the degree under either of its structures (described in regulations BSc–Tec 3.1 to BSc–Tec 4.2 or BSc–Tec 5.1 to BSc–Tec 6.2). After this date, you must complete the degree under the new structure.

Students completing the B20 degree up to 31 st December 2015: elements of the degree to which credit transfer can be awarded:	Credit transfer – the maximum available towards each element	Students completing the B20 degree after 31 st December 2015: elements of the degree to which credit transfer can be awarded:	Credit transfer – the maximum available towards each element
30 credits from OU Level 1 options	30 credits of general credit exemption	60 credits from OU Level 1 options	60 credits of general credit exemption
90 credits of free choice	90 credits of general credit exemption	60 credits of free choice	60 credits of general credit exemption
Maximum credit transfer available towards this degree (whether you qualify before or after 31 st December 2015)		120 credits If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.	

What credit transfer will I be awarded ?

Please note: credit transfer is awarded in the context of the particular qualification towards which you are claiming it. This means that you may be able to get credit transfer against a specific Open University (OU) course or component in some OU qualifications but not in others.

Credit transfer being awarded before 1st January 2016:

- i) If you have **120 credits** of eligible previous study, your credit transfer will be awarded as either:
- a) 60 credits towards the free choice element and 60 credits towards the Level 1 Options.
 - You can use all of this credit towards your B20 under either structure of the degree.

b) 90 credits towards the free choice element and 30 credits towards the Level 1 Options.

- If you complete your B20 by 31st December 2015, you can use all of this credit.
- If you complete your B20 after this date, you will be able to use only 90 credits of your credit transfer award because the amount of free choice permitted will reduce from 90 credits to 60 credits. You will need to study a further 30 credits from the Level 1 options to reach the 60 credits of Level 1 Options required.

ii) If you have **less than 120 credits** of eligible previous study, or if your previous study does not match the Level 1 Options, you will be awarded credit transfer towards the free choice element up to the current maximum of 90 credits. Please note that this maximum will reduce to 60 credits if you do not complete the B20 by 31st December 2015.

When we have completed the assessment of your application for credit transfer, we will send you an email to let you know that the outcome, your *Credit Transfer Award*, is showing on your Studenthome page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/students> . You will then be able to view and download this document.

Types of credit transfer

There are two types of credit transfer: **module exemption** and **general credit exemption**. The table on page 1 shows which type/s can count towards this qualification and the outcome of your credit transfer application will be displayed on your *Credit Transfer Award* document.

Module exemption: means that you have been exempted from a particular OU course in recognition of your previous study. Your prior study must be at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU course/s you are being exempted from, and considered to be broadly in-line with the learning outcomes of your chosen OU qualification. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will specify which OU course/s you have been exempted from studying towards your chosen OU qualification.

General credit exemption: means that you have been exempted from studying the specified amount of credit at the given academic level towards this OU qualification. This type of credit transfer is awarded if your previous study is at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU course/s concerned and is considered relevant to this OU qualification in terms of subject and/or skills development. This type of credit transfer differs from module exemption in that it does not exempt you from any particular OU course/s. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will indicate the number of credits you have been exempted from, and at what level/s, towards specific components of the qualification.

1971 rule

The University now awards credit only for study undertaken from 1971 onwards. If you already have an award of credit for pre-1971 study it will not be taken away. If you seek a reassessment of your award, either because you have undertaken additional study or if you want to take advantage of subsequent policy changes, you may not be able to gain any additional credit but your award will not be reduced.

Please note: if the OU qualification you are studying towards has time limits, these will be detailed in a paragraph headed "Time limits" (above this paragraph) and will take precedence over the 1971 rule.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU qualification, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular qualification (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another OU qualification). The proportion of unique study required is normally one-third: for details of the unique study required for this specific qualification, please refer to the qualification regulations <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us

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