



CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS
the Postgraduate Certificate in Conflict and
Development,
The Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma,
and MSc in Development Management
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>

You will need to complete at least 60 credits, 120 credits, and 180 credits respectively, as shown in the table below, in order to be eligible for this qualification. The right-hand column of this table shows the components of this qualification towards which credit transfer can be awarded in recognition of study you have undertaken elsewhere.

Qualification component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
C48/C67 Postgraduate Certificate in Development Management/Conflict and Development	
60 credits of compulsory modules	30 credits of module exemption
Maximum credit transfer available towards these OU qualifications	30 credits
D37 Postgraduate Diploma	
60 credits of compulsory modules	No credit transfer available
Up to 60 credits from a specified list of optional modules	Up to 60 credits of general credit exemption or module exemption
If you take only 30 credits of optional modules, you can take a further 30 credits from any postgraduate module	30 credits of general credit exemption
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits
F11 MSc	
90 credits of compulsory modules (including the 60 within the Postgraduate Diploma)	No credit transfer available
Up to 90 credits from a specified list of optional modules (including the 60 within the Postgraduate Diploma)	Up to 60 credits of general credit exemption or module exemption
If you take only 60 credits of optional modules, you can take a further 30 credits from any postgraduate module	30 credits of general credit exemption
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits

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) module or component in some OU qualifications but not in others.

We award credit in units of 5 credits, up to the maximum shown in the table above. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.

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 module in recognition of your previous study. Your prior study must be at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/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 module/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 module/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 modules/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

The University's unique study rule means that, to be eligible for each of the Postgraduate Certificates, Postgraduate Diploma and MSc degree, you must have an amount of OU study that is unique to the particular qualification.

If you count 30 credits towards either of the Certificates you will be allowed only a further 30 credits towards the Diploma.

The maximum award allowed towards the Postgraduate Diploma is 60 credits. Credit may only be awarded towards the optional modules within the qualification.

The maximum award allowed towards the MSc is 30 credits. Credit may only be awarded towards the optional modules within the qualification.

Please note you can only have a total maximum of 60 credits of credit transfer within the Certificate, Diploma and MSc. If you count 30 credits towards the Diploma and 30 credits towards the MSc you must not accept the award of the Diploma before the MSc otherwise you will not meet the unique study rules for the MSc and will not be eligible for this award.

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

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