

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE ADVANCED DIPLOMAS IN EDUCATION

Essential Information

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



Please note that this qualification is only available until December 2011. In order to claim your qualification you must have completed the required 120 credit credits by this time. This qualification is not available to new students.

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>

In order to qualify for each of the diplomas, you will need to complete at least 120 credits as shown in the chart below, which also indicates the diploma components against which credit transfer can be awarded:

Equality and Diversity (D06)

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
60 credits of undergraduate study	60 credits of module exemption or a mix of 30 credits of module exemption and 30 credits of general credit exemption
60 credits of postgraduate study	No credit transfer available
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits

Child Development (D18)

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
60 credits of undergraduate study	60 credits of module exemption
60 credits of postgraduate study	No credit transfer available
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits

Language and Literacy (D19)

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
60 credits of undergraduate study	60 credits of module exemption toward U210
60 credits of postgraduate study	No credit transfer available
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits

Applied Linguistics (D57)

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
60 credits of undergraduate study	60 credits of module exemption
60 credits of postgraduate study	No credit transfer available
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits

What award of credit will I receive ?

We award credit in units of 5 credits, up to the maximum of 60 credits of credit transfer. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award. Credit transfer is available only towards the undergraduate element of the Diploma; no credit transfer is available towards postgraduate portion.

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

Type/s 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 module/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 that, if the OU qualification you are studying towards has further time-limits, these 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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