

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE Diploma of Higher Education in Early Years Essential Information

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In order to qualify for the Diploma of higher Education in Early Years you will need to complete at least 240 points as shown in the chart below. This table also indicates the diploma components against which credit transfer can be awarded:

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
Compulsory level one knowledge courses 60 points	60 Full rate credit
Level one work based course 60 points	60 Full rate credit
Level two Knowledge based courses 60 points	60 Course related credit
Compulsory level two work based course 60 points	None
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	150 points, Maximum 60 @ level two

Credit for previous relevant study elsewhere can be used in place of OU courses as indicated under each category in this table, up to a maximum of 150 points, provided certain conditions are met. You should read this document in conjunction with the award regulations.

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

What award of credit will I receive?

We award credit in units of 5 points, up to a maximum of 150 points of credit transfer towards the Diploma of Higher Education in Early Years. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those points that will give you the most beneficial award.

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 course in some Open University qualifications but not in others.

Whatever your award of credit transfer, you will have to include within your diploma at least 90 points of Open University courses suitable for inclusion within the Diploma in Higher Education in Early Years.

Types of credit transfer

Course-related credit can be awarded only if the student's previous study is considered to be equivalent to (matches by 80%) the level, content, and breadth of this OU course. Course-related credit is effectively an exemption from a particular OU course in recognition of previous study.

Full-rate credit can be awarded if the study is at, or equivalent to, the UK undergraduate level of the OU study concerned and is considered **relevant** in terms of subject and/or skills development. Unlike course-related credit, the previous study does not have to match the subject content of any particular OU course.

Time Constraints

Qualifying after 1st January 2011

If you claim credit transfer towards the Diploma in Higher Education in Early Years you will be required to complete all components necessary for the diploma within a 7 year period. This period commences from the completion date of the study for which credit transfer is given or commencement of your first OU course, if started before this date. If your credit transfer award is based on more than one qualification then the earliest date will be used.

If you qualify for the award before the 1st January 2011 then there will be no study time limit, however, please note that study older than 10 years is unlikely to be eligible for an award of transferred credit.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU award, there must be an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular award (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another award). The proportion required is normally one-third so, for the Diploma in Higher Education in Early Years, there must be 90 points of unique study and include the work – based level two course.

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

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