



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ONLINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

This is a credit-based award. It is approved as part of an award hierarchy as set out in the Related Awards Table.

These award regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents.

- [Introduction to *The Award Regulations*](#)
- [General Award Regulations](#)

If you wish to print the regulations governing your award, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

PD–ODE 1 AWARD NAME

PD–ODE 1.1 The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education. Prior to the end of 2004, this award was made as the Postgraduate Diploma in Open and Distance Education. Holders of the award are permitted to use the letters PG Dip ODE (Open) after their names.

PD–ODE 2 REGISTRATION

PD–ODE 2.1 The postgraduate diploma is an intermediate award for students who are registered for the MA in Online and Distance Education. In order to be registered for the degree, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8 and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entrance requirement is a first degree conferred by a UK university or other recognized degree-awarding body, or an equivalent qualification.

PD–ODE 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–ODE 3.1 To qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education, you must obtain 120 credit points by the successful completion of courses from the MA in Online and Distance Education profile.

PD–ODE 3.2 The credit for this award must include from Open University courses a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 40 points.

PD–ODE 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

PD–ODE 4.1 There is no credit transfer scheme for the diploma.

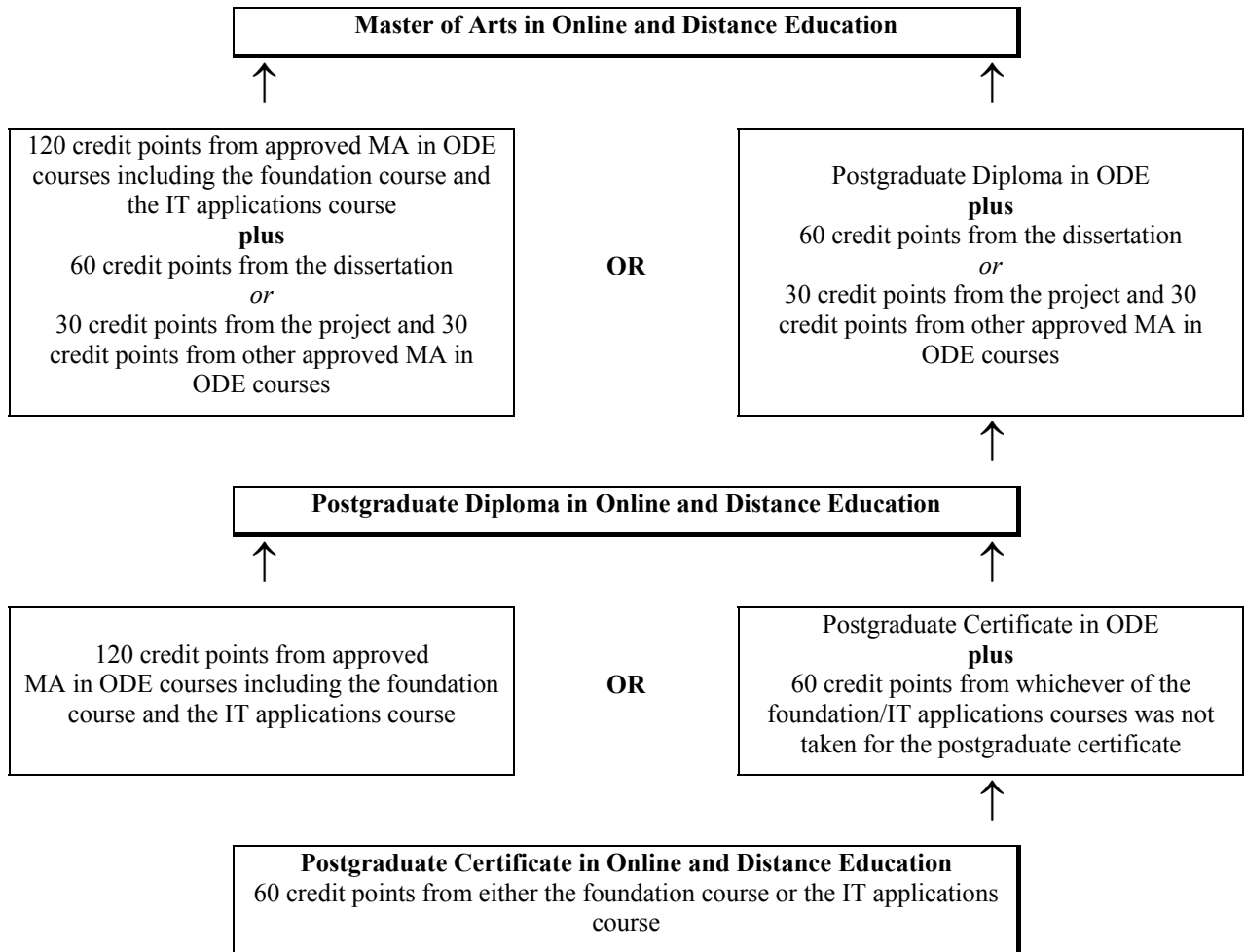
**PD–ODE 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS
THE AWARD**

PD–ODE 5.1 In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified for the award. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the courses or to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the MA in Online and Distance Education and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

PD–ODE 5.2 Permission to retake a course or to continue to be registered after withdrawing must be obtained from the IET Postgraduate Programme Board.

RELATED AWARDS TABLE

Leading to Master of Arts in Online and Distance Education



Credit that you count towards the Postgraduate Certificate in Online and Distance Education, the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education and the Master of Arts in Online and Distance Education is regarded as having been counted towards one award.