

CII Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

UK awarded Business, Economics, Accounting & Finance and Law qualifications

Detailed below are credits that apply to a variety of UK awarded Business, Economics, Accounting & Finance and Law qualifications that may result in the award of credits recognising prior learning undertaken.

These can be used, subject to individual completion requirements, towards completing the Diploma or Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning and, ultimately, Chartered Financial Planner status.

Award level	Course	CII accreditation
HND & Ordinary degrees i.e. non honours	Business & Economics	25 non unit specific credits at Diploma level
Foundation degree	Business & Economics	Review on case by case basis
Degree – Honours degree only	Business & Economics	30 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level <i>plus</i> 25 non unit specific credits at Diploma level
MBA MSc MA	Business & Economics	60 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level Note: Where 30 Advanced Diploma unit credits have already been claimed through APL or exemption, the additional award is limited to 30 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level
HND & Ordinary degrees i.e. non honours	Accountancy & Finance	25 non unit specific credits at Diploma level
Foundation degree	Accountancy & Finance	Review on case by case basis
Degree – Honours degree only	Accountancy & Finance	30 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level <i>plus</i> 20 Diploma level credits (unit J03 barred option) and 5 non specific credits at Diploma level
MBA MSc MA	Accountancy & Finance	60 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level Note: Where 30 Advanced Diploma unit credits have already been claimed through APL or exemption, the additional award is limited to 30 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level
Degree	Law	30 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level <i>plus</i> 25 non unit specific credits at Diploma level

FAQs

Q What award is made for joint honours?

A Joint honours degrees e.g. Business & French would receive the same award as a Business degree as the core modules remain the same and only the elective modules are altered.

Q What happens if someone has applied and has received general insurance exemptions in respect of the qualifications overleaf, but is following a financial services qualification route?

A They can have the appropriate number of credits (as stated in the table) transferred to non specific financial services credits.

Q What happens when candidates have applied for financial services credits in the past but were declined and now their qualification is more than 10 years old?

A The application will be declined unless the applicant can prove they had previously applied; CII will not have records on unsuccessful previous applications and we cannot remove the 10 year rule.

Q What happens where candidates work with others who have similar degrees and who applied for APL in the past and were received a different credit award?

A Candidates receive the award in place at the time of their application.

Q What happens where candidates request further exemptions based on elective modules in their degree which provide an 80% syllabus match to CII units e.g. Certificate in IT for Insurance Professionals?

A No further exemptions are available (unless the university has designed a programme around the CII examination syllabus).

Notes

- The alignment of the credits awarded, at Advanced Diploma and Diploma, was determined by the CII Qualifications, Examinations and Assessment Committee (QEAC).
- The qualification in respect of which APL is being sought must not have been attained more than 10 years from the date of application.
- The qualification in respect of which APL is being sought must be obtained from a UK awarding body. Qualifications obtained from non-UK awarding bodies will be considered on a case by case basis).

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