

## CII recognition of prior learning

### UK awarded Business, Economics, Management, Accounting, Finance and Law qualifications

Detailed below are credits that apply to a variety of UK awarded Business, Economics, Management, 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 area	Credits awarded
HND & ordinary degrees i.e. non honours	Business, Economics, Management	25 non unit specific credits at Diploma level
Foundation degree	Business, Economics, Management	Review on case by case basis
Degree – Honours degree only	Business, Economics, Management	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, Management	60 non unit specific credits at Advanced Diploma level  Note: Where 30 Advanced Diploma unit credits have already been claimed for a business-related degree, the 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) 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 for a business-related degree, 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 Diploma level credits

## 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 different.
- Q What happens if someone has applied and has received general insurance credits for 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 unit specific financial services credits.
- Q I have applied for financial services credits for my degree in the past but was declined. Now the qualification is more than 10 years old. Can I reapply?**
- A** The application will be declined due to the 10 year rule. The CII do not hold records on unsuccessful applications, however if you can prove that you previously applied when the degree was less than 10 years old and were declined, the CII may reconsider the application.
- Q I work with someone who holds a similar degree to me – they applied for recognition of prior learning in the past and received a different credit award to me. Why?**
- A** Credit awards are reviewed on a regular basis. Candidates receive the award in place at the time of their application.
- Q Can an applicant request further exemptions based on elective modules in their degree which provide a match to the learning outcomes and assessment methods of CII units?**
- 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).
- To receive recognition of prior learning for an academic qualification, the qualification must not have been completed more than 10 years prior to the date of application.
- To receive recognition of prior learning for an academic qualification, the qualification must have been awarded by a UK regulated awarding body. Qualifications awarded by non-UK awarding bodies will be considered on a case by case basis.

For further information please refer to [www.cii.co.uk/prior-learning](http://www.cii.co.uk/prior-learning)