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CII recognition of prior learning

for UK university degrees

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UK awarded business, maths and law academic qualifications

Detailed in the table below are the common recognition of prior learning awards made by the Chartered Insurance Institute in respect of relevant UK university degrees.

Awards are made subject to the Chartered Insurance Institute recognition of prior learning scheme rules and vary depending upon a range of factors including: the scope and relevance of learning within the degree, existing recognition of prior learning awards and CII qualification units held.

These awards, which result in CII credits and in some cases unit exemptions, can be used, subject to the CII completion requirements, towards completing Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications.

RPL towards CII qualifications

Qualification	Qualification level	Typical recognition of prior learning award towards	
		CII insurance qualifications	CII financial services qualifications
Accountancy & Finance, Business, Economics, Management, Financial Services	Ordinary degree i.e. non-honours	25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits	25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits
	Honours degree	An exemption from (530) Economics and business * (30 Advanced Diploma-level credits) <i>plus</i> 25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits	30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits <i>plus</i> 25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits
	Masters degree	An exemption from (530) Economics and business * (30 Advanced Diploma-level credits) <i>plus</i> 30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits **	60 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits **
Law	Ordinary degree i.e. non-honours	An exemption from (M05) Insurance law *** (25 Diploma-level credits)	25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits
	Honours degree or Masters degree	30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits <i>plus</i> An exemption from (M05) Insurance law *** (25 Diploma-level credits)	30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits <i>plus</i> 25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits
Mathematics, Statistics, Actuarial Science or Investment Analysis	Honours degree or Masters degree	30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits	30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits
Marketing	Honours degree or Masters degree	An exemption from (945) Marketing insurance products and services (30 Advanced Diploma-level credits)	Because the CII financial services qualifications framework has no marketing unit there is no RPL award to recognise marketing related learning

* In order to be eligible for an exemption from (530) Economics and business, your qualification must contain a minimum of one Economics module that has a close syllabus match to CII's (530) Economics and business unit and the assessment is of an equivalent standard e.g. Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Level 6. At its discretion, CII may make an alternative award of 30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits where there is sufficient business-related learning.

** Where a candidate already has an exemption from (530) Economics and business or 30 Advanced Diploma-level non unit-specific credits recognising business-related learning e.g. from a Bachelors Degree, the award is limited to 30 Advanced Diploma-level credits for the Masters degree.

*** In order to be eligible for an exemption from (M05) Insurance law, your qualification must contain a close syllabus match to CII's (M05) Insurance law unit. At its discretion, CII may make an alternative award.

FAQs

1. Are the awards outlined overleaf made for all UK business, maths and law degrees?

The awards listed are guidance as to those typically awarded. In practice, the award, CII credits and in some cases unit exemptions, can vary according to the specific content of a particular degree. An example may be where a business degree contains non-core, specialised economics content that differs from the CII syllabus.

2. What award is made for joint honours?

Joint honours degrees e.g. business and french would receive the same award as a business degree where there is sufficient business-related content in the core modules. Some degrees, for example, french with business, may have insufficient business content to attract the full award. Again these are looked at on an individual basis.

3. 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?

Exemption awards are reviewed on a regular basis, in line with the CII qualification offering applicable at that time and as such the award, CII credits and in some cases unit exemptions, may vary. Applicants receive the award which has been agreed at the time of their application.

4. Can I request further exemptions than the standard award?

Only if there is a close match to another CII unit.

Notes

- The awards outlined overleaf are overseen by the Education and Learning Committee.
- 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 for recognition of prior learning.
- To receive the recognition of prior learning awards for academic qualifications, the qualification must have been awarded by a UK regulated awarding body or, in the case of non-UK awarding bodies, be recognised by the UK National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) the national agency for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills. In each case, applications are considered on a case by case basis.

For further information please refer to cii.co.uk/prior-learning