

Qualification Framework

Distance Learning Course	England, Wales and Northern Ireland	Scotland	Ireland
Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascentis Level 1 Award 	Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 1 Level 1 Certificate GCSE's at grade D-G 	Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVQ 1 Intermediate 1 General Standard Grade 	Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 Certificate Junior Certificate
Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascentis Level 2 Certificate Professional Diploma 	Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 2 Level 1 Certificate GCSE's at grade D-G 	Level 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVQ 2 Intermediate 2 Credit Standard Grade 	Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 4 Certificate Leaving Certificate
Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascentis Level 3 Diploma A-Level 	Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 3 A-Level 	Level 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher SVQ 3 	Level 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Certificate Leaving Certificate
Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascentis Level 4 Diploma 	Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 4 	Level 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Higher Higher National Certificate Certificate of higher education 	Level 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Certificate Higher Certificate
Level 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascentis Level 5 Diploma 	Level 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 5 Bachelors Degree Diploma of Higher Education Higher National Diploma (HND) 	Level 8 + 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher National Diploma (HND) SVQ 4 Ordinary Degree Graduate Diploma 	Level 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinary Bachelors Degree

What is APL? (Accreditation of Prior Learning)

APL is the formal recognition for credit of prior learning gained, either through formally assessed courses or through other experience, typically gained in the workplace (Accreditation of Experiential Learning – APEL)

Other types of APL:

APCL (Accreditation of Prior Certificated Learning) is learning for which certification has been awarded by an educational institution/training provider.

APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning) refers to un-certificated learning gained from experience. The experience itself cannot be accredited but it is possible to give credit for appropriate reflection on the experience.

You can use APL for:

- direct entry into a particular level of a programme, or
- the award of credit against specified modules within a programme, which do not necessarily amount to the equivalent of a whole level of study.

When to apply for APL

Claims for APL must normally be made before you commence study on the programme into which you are seeking to transfer prior learning. In some cases it may be possible to apply for APL when you are already on course but this is up to the discretion of the Learning Institute.