

SWMTC – Application for Accreditation of Prior Learning

The full policy is posted on our Moodle site swmtc.moodle.overnetdata.com and our website www.swmtc.org.uk.

There are four types of instance in which accreditation of prior learning would normally be appropriate to be applied for:

- a) [all students] – APCL of accredited learning covering one or more whole stages, derived from credits obtained either at Exeter or another institution. Thus, a student applying for entry to the BTh(Min) employer co-funded degree may apply for APCL of up to 240 credits obtained either in the Foundation Degree in Christian Theology for Ministry at Exeter, or another similar Foundation Degree or Diploma of Theology at another training institution. A student applying for entry to Level 2 of the Foundation Degree may apply for APCL of the Certificate in Christian Theology for Ministry at Exeter, or a Certificate in Theology from another institution.
- b) [all students] – APCL of accredited learning in biblical or theological studies, not constituting the equivalent of a whole stage of study, or (for ministry students) in professional skills closely related to the skills of ministry. Normally this APCL would be limited to 60 credits at Level 1, assessed on the basis of the extent of the learning outcomes demonstrated.
- c) [all students] – APCL in respect of accredited learning in an area of study other than theology or professional skills closely related to the skills of ministry. Normally if an honours degree, or a professional qualification judged to be equivalent in standard to an honours degree, has been obtained in another discipline at another university, APCL can be awarded on the basis of the study skills and transferable skills acquired. Normally this APCL would be limited to 30 credits at Level 1.
- d) [ministry students] – APEL in respect of the work of reflection and study involved in the process of candidating for ministry. Evidence must be provided by the candidate and/or the sponsoring church to the effect that a significant amount of learning has taken place in relation to the type of discipline-specific and personal and key skills associated with the relevant ministerial formation modules at Level 1. Normally this APEL would be limited to 10 credits at Level 1. Because ministry students are admitted to a work-related award, it is expected that every student entering at level 1 would make such an application if not applying under a), b), or c).
- e) [non-ministry students] – APEL in respect of previous experience may be applied for in the usual way, and its award would be subject to the guidelines given above, and the rules of the programme for which the student is registered. Normally such award would be limited to 30 credits at Level 1.
Usually it would be the case that if an award were made under a), no other APL would be awarded. If an award were made under b), no APL would be awarded under c) or d). If an award were made under c), no award would be made under d).

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**APPLICATION FORM: to be returned to the Dean of Studies, Amory Bldg,
University of Exeter, EX4 4RJ**

I. Ministry Students – please circle category of APL applied for

NAME:

- a) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained either at Exeter or another institution, constituting one or more whole stages of my programme (eg a Certificate if doing a Foundation degree, or a Foundation degree or diploma if doing an honours degree). The qualification I have obtained is:

and I attach an original of the certificate giving evidence of this qualification.

- b) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained through biblical or theological study at another institution. The course(s) were:

at

and I attach an original of the transcript giving evidence of these credits.

- c) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained through study to degree or professional qualification level at another institution. The qualification I have obtained is:

and I attach an original of the certificate giving evidence of this qualification.

- d) I apply for the accreditation of the work I completed in candidating for ministry. My sponsoring Diocese/District is:

and I give permission for SWMTC and the University of Exeter to obtain information about this work from my sponsoring church.

Signed

Date

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II. Non-Ministry Students – please circle category of APL applied for

NAME:

- a) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained either at Exeter or another institution, constituting one of more whole stages of my programme (eg a Certificate if doing a diploma, or a Foundation degree or diploma if doing an honours degree). The qualification I have obtained is:

and I attach an original of the certificate giving evidence of this qualification.

- b) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained through biblical or theological study at another institution. The course(s) were:

at

and I attach an original of the transcript giving evidence of these credits.

- c) I apply for the accreditation of credits I have obtained through study to degree or professional qualification level at another institution. The qualification I have obtained is:

and I attach an original of the certificate giving evidence of this qualification.

- d) I apply for the accreditation of work I completed which was relevant to my present study but did not carry Higher education credit. I enclose evidence of the extent and character of this work, including a reference from someone involved in the work, and a sample of written work done (preferably marked).

Signed:

Date: