Annex 3: Limits on Credit Transfer and/or RPL

# Introduction

The University imposes limits on the extent to which a student may be exempted from part of a course of study via credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning (RPL).

# Minimum Credit Requirements

The table below shows, for each qualification, the minimum amount of credit which must be obtained at the University by taking part of the course of study concerned. It should be noted that credit transfer candidates will normally be required to take substantially more of their course of study than the minimum shown below, either because their prior learning does not fully equip them for the maximum possible exemption or because, for a particular course of study, exemption from specified modules is not permitted. Exemption from part of a course of study is, in all cases, at the discretion of the University (see [Annex R](https://www.kent.ac.uk/education/regulatory-framework/codes-of-practice-for-taught-courses#annex-r) of the Code of Practice).

The minimum credit which must be obtained in order to be eligible for an award through taking part of a course of study at the University is as follows:

| Award | Minimum Credits to be Obtained on Kent Course of Study |
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| Certificate/Certificate of Higher Education | 60 credits at level 4 or above |
| Diploma | 60 credits at level 5 or above |
| BTEC Higher National Certificate (120 credits in total) | 60 credits at level 4 or above |
| BTEC Higher National Diploma | 120 credits at level 5 or above |
| Diploma of Higher Education | 120 credits including at least 90 at level 5 or above |
| Foundation degree | 120 credits including at least 90 at level 5 or above |
| Non-Honours degree | 120 credits including at least 60 at level 6 or above |
| Honours degree | 120 credits including at least 90 at level 6 or above |
| Integrated Master’s degree | 120 credits at level 7 or above |
| Graduate Certificate[[1]](#footnote-1) | 30 credits at level 6 |
| Graduate Diploma | 60 credits at level 6 |
| Postgraduate Certificate | 30 credits at level 7 |
| Postgraduate Diploma | 60 credits at level 7 |
| MA/MSc/LLM/MBA | 90 credits at level 7 |
| MPhil | 150 credits at level 7 |
| Taught Doctorate | 210 credits at level 8 |

1. For the purposes of this Code, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas are regarded as undergraduate courses. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)