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CII recognition of prior learning

for UK and non-UK university degrees



Business, maths and law degrees - typical prior learning awards

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

Awards are 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, recognition of prior learning awards previously made and CII qualification units previously passed.

The recognition of prior learning scheme rules state the maximum prior learning awards (from multiple qualifications) that may be used towards CII qualifications.

These prior learning awards can be used towards completing Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications (subject to the CII completion requirements).

1) Degrees from UK universities *

Qualification	Qualification level	Typical recognition of prior learning award towards	
		CII insurance qualifications	CII financial services qualifications
Accountancy & Finance, Business, Economics, Management, Financial Services	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	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 ensure CII insurance and financial services / financial planning qualifications have a strong insurance / financial services / financial planning focus, there are limits to the number of prior learning credits awarded to candidates with multiple degrees and other non-CII qualifications. Please refer to the recognition of prior learning scheme rules for further details.

** 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.

*** 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.

**** In order to be eligible for an exemption from (945) Marketing insurance products and services, your qualification must contain a close syllabus and assessment match (RQF level 6 equivalent) to CII's 945 Marketing insurance products and services unit.

2) Degrees from universities outside the UK *

Please refer to FAQ #5 overleaf

FAQs

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

The awards listed are guidance as to those typically awarded. In practice, the award can vary according to the specific content of a particular degree. We look closely at the content and level of the degree modules so we can't guarantee that the standard award will be made in all cases. 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. Am I eligible for more exemptions than the standard award?

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

5. My degree is from a university outside the UK. Why is the prior learning award different?

Degrees from outside the UK are eligible to the same awards where they meet the CII learning and assessment standards.

Many of the non-UK degrees we have reviewed have an assessment standard closer to CII Diploma level so the maximum award is 25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits (or an exemption from (M05) Insurance law for law degrees).

Where we haven't carried out a detailed syllabus and assessment match and the degree contains relevant learning and is on the UK ENIC database, we may award 25 Diploma-level credits and invite the applicant to provide detailed syllabus and/or assessment material within a 3-month timeframe. If the requirements for a higher award, eg Advanced Diploma-level credits, are met we will amend the award.

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 organisations or, in the case of non-UK awarding organisations, be recognised by the UK ENIC, the UK national agency for 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

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