

USE OF QF CREDITS and Credit Accumulation & Transfer

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CAT in OUHK

Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) in OUHK:

1. Admission to senior year of a programme
2. Direct admission to a pathway programme with reduced number of credits
3. Apply for credit transfer based on a prior qualification
(part-time distance learning programmes)

OUHK Credit Transfer Scheme

Recognition of a prior qualification

Key factors for consideration:

- entry requirement
- exit standard
- mode of study
- duration
- contact hours and study hours
- mode of learning / delivery
- assessment
- quality assurance
- *and other relevant factors*

OUHK Credit Transfer Scheme

Eligibility

- For transfer to bachelor's degree, the prior qualification must at least be at QF Level 4 for local qualifications
(starting from October 2012)
- For non local qualifications, at tertiary level

OUHK Credit Transfer Scheme

Maximum Transfer

- level of the qualification
- the size or the volume

OUHK Credit Transfer Scheme

- Three types of credit transfer:
 1. General credit transfer (GCT)
 2. Specific credit transfer (SCT)
 3. Block credit transfer (BCT)
- Actual amount of transfer rests on satisfying the award criteria of the credit transfer scheme
- In any case, cannot exceed the maximum set for the applicant

OUHK CAT on the QR

Of all the OUHK programmes on the Qualifications Register (QR) :

- 175 programmes with CAT-I information
- 35 programmes with CAT-P information

Qualifications Framework

3 pillars

- QF Level
- QF credit – size or volume of learning
(*one QF credit = 10 notional learning hours*)
- Award title of qualifications

The QF Credit

Merits

- A common currency
- Transparency
- Quality assured

The QF Credit

Benefits and Facilitates

- Course developers
- Learners
- Receiving institutions

The QF Credit

Sharing

Not a compulsory requirement for new qualifications received

The QF Credit

Sharing

Trend for professional and training qualifications to be presented in QF credits

The QF Credit

Sharing

- A means to quantify the amount of effort spent in acquiring experiences and competencies in the workplace
- Facilitate the recognition of prior learning in the workplace

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