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## APL/APEL POLICY

1. In order to admit students from a broader range of backgrounds, the University of Technology, Mauritius assesses two forms of prior learning:
  - (i) Assessing Prior Learning (APL), for applicants having qualifications other than the 'General Entry Requirements' and 'Programme Entry Requirements' for the programme applied.
  - (ii) Assessing Prior Experiential Learning (APEL), for mature applicants, having a strong background of work experience relevant to the programme applied for, but with limited qualifications i.e. often no 'A' levels.
  - (iii) The Assessment for APL/APEL will be done in the School where the programme is offered, by an APL/APEL Committee comprising of:
    - Head of School (Chairperson)
    - Heads of Department
    - School Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator
    - Programme Director/Coordinator for the programme under consideration
    - Admissions Officer
    - School Administrative Officer (Secretary)

The Head of School can co-opt other members of staff as and when required in order to provide specialist inputs.

### 2 (i) Proceeding

- (a) The Admissions Officer will submit all the documents and written statements for each applicant to the School for scrutiny by the Programme Coordinator.
- (b) A meeting of the APL/APEL Committee is scheduled to analyse the cases and make recommendations for each applicant.
- (c) The recommendations to admit or not to admit the applicant with or without specific conditions should be sent by the School, Administrative Officer to the Chairman of the Academic Council for approval.

### (ii) Documents required for all applicants

- Duly filled in Application for Admission Form.
- Certified copies of examinations results with grades.
- Recognition and/or Equivalence Certificates from HEC/MQA for foreign qualifications and qualifications from private institutions.



**(iii) Documents required for mature applicants**

- Details of work experience and social responsibilities, detailing skills developed and practical knowledge acquired.
- Statements from employer(s) detailing the work experience acquired and other responsibilities shouldered during the period of employment.
- Portfolios justifying the above statements.

**3. In general, the following will apply for entry into Degree programmes under the APL scheme.**

**(i) 'O' Level Requirements:**

Candidate applying under the APL Scheme must satisfy the 'O' Level requirements as per paragraph 2 of the Admission Regulations.

**(ii) Entry into Certificate Level of an Undergraduate Programme of Study (Level 1)**

- (a) Applicants with no 'A' Level and a University Level Certificate in any field, from a recognised institution, pitched at Level 5 of the National Qualification Framework (NQF) of the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) with at least 3 years work experience.
- (b) Applicants with no 'A' Level and a University Level Diploma in any field, from a recognised institution, pitched at Level 6 of NQF of the MQA with at least 2 years work experience.
- (c) Applicants with a minimum of one 'A' Level and a University Level Certificate in any field, from a recognised institution, pitched at Level 5 of NQF of the MQA.
- (d) Applicants with two 'A' Levels

**(iii) Entry into Diploma Level of Undergraduate Programme of Study (Level 2)**

- (a) Applicants with no 'A' Level and a Diploma pitched at Level 6 of NQF of the MQA in a relevant field.
- (b) Applicants with a minimum of one 'A' Level and a University Level Certificate in the programme field of study, from a recognised institution pitched at Level 5 of NQF of the MQA.



**(iv) Entry into Level 3 of Undergraduate Programme of Study**

Applicants with a minimum of one 'A' Level and a University Level Diploma in the programme field of study from a recognised institution pitched at Level 6 of NQF of the MQA.

**Note:**

- (i) Applicants qualifying for entry into Certificate Level must successfully complete the Certificate Level before being allowed to proceed to the Diploma Level of programme of study.
- (ii) Applicants qualifying for entry into Diploma Level must successfully complete the Diploma Level before being allowed to proceed to the Degree Level of programme of study.

**Important Note:**

**The attention of the applicants is drawn to the fact that eligibility for employment in some sectors may require possession of a minimum of five credits at 'O' Level and/or two 'A' Levels, and in some cases the requirement may be for these qualifications to have respectively been obtained at one and the same sitting**

**4. In general, the following will apply for entry into Masters programmes under the APL scheme.**

- (i) a Diploma from a recognized institution pitched at Level 6 of NQF of the MQA with at least 6 years of relevant work experience.
- (ii) either a recognised Post-Graduate Certificate or a recognised Post-Graduate Diploma in a relevant field not more than five years. Such students shall be required to clear the difference in credits required for the Master Programme, as per the 'Credit System' in place, by taking the following components:
  - ☐ Dissertation and
  - ☐ Any other Module(s), as may be required.

The lower limit of the Credit System shall be taken as reference

- (iii) other qualifications and/or experience which demonstrate that a candidate possesses appropriate knowledge and skills at a standard acceptable by the Academic Council.