

**Template for Academic Unit
Recognition of Prior Learning and
Credit Transfer Statement**



SCHOOL of EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE SCIENCES

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER

2026-2027

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

The School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences accepts applications for RPL from all postgraduate students at all stages in all programmes except the following:

MSc Language Pathology

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

Normally only learning within the last 5 years will be considered.

WHO TO APPROACH

The contact person is in the first instance for the:

Masters in Education is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on lisa.ramshaw@newcastle.ac.uk and/or james.stanfield@newcastle.ac.uk

Masters in International Development and the Masters in International Development with CCC is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on steve.humble@ncl.ac.uk and/or pauline.dixon@newcastle.ac.uk.

Masters in Practitioner Enquiry (currently suspended)

Doctorate of Education is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on pamela.woolner@ncl.ac.uk

Masters of Educational Research (currently suspended)

Masters in TESOL, TESOL and Digital Technology and TESOL in Intercultural Communication is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on chris.leyland@newcastle.ac.uk

Master of Clinical Linguistics and Evidence Based Practice (Research) is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on Helen.Stringer@ncl.ac.uk

IPhD in Education and Applied Linguistics and TESOL is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on chris.leyland@newcastle.ac.uk

IPhD in Education and Communication (currently suspended)

IPhD in Phonetics and Phonology is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on ghada.khattab@newcastle.ac.uk

MA in Cross Cultural Communication including the below pathways is the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted on navaporn.snodin@newcastle.ac.uk

- MA in CCC and International Management -
- MA in CCC and Applied Linguistics
- MA in CCC and International Marketing
- MA in CCC and Media Studies
- MA in CCC
- MA in CCC and Education
- MA in CCC and International Relations

What evidence will be required:

Transcript showing level, credits and marks plus copies of syllabuses.

Dates and details of relevant experience with evidence (e.g. employer statement) and an explanation as to how the learning outcomes of the modules for which the applicant seeks RPL have been met.

WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN
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Discussion will be held with each applicant for RPL regarding the suitability of the prior learning *or* where this is not possible (as in the case of international students), issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying learning outcomes and given an RPL application form.

Further advice will be provided by the Degree Programme Director.

HOW RPL/CREDIT TRANSFER DECISIONS ARE MADE

Applications should be submitted via E-MAIL and will be considered by the DPD.
Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.

On submission of an application form the Degree Programme Director,
Admissions Tutor or Pathway Leader will consider the merits of the application
and report the outcome to the relevant Board of Studies and the applicant.