SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
PROGRAMME

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER FOR
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

2024-25

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

This statement covers the following Postgraduate Psychology programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Studies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Low Intensity Psychological Therapies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Anxiety Disorders
- Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology
- MSc in Forensic Psychology
- MSc in Forensic Psychology (non-accredited)
- MSc Sport & Exercise Psychology
- Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

Note: Restrictions apply to postgraduate programmes, including those under the IAPT initiative.

- The Postgraduate Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Studies is a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) professional programme and so applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer are not accepted.

- The Postgraduate Certificate in Low Intensity Psychological Therapies is a professionally approved and accredited programme. Due to accreditation and National IAPT requirements the programme does not accept applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer.

- The Postgraduate Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Anxiety Disorders is a professionally approved and accredited programme. Due to accreditation and National requirements the programme does not accept applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer.

- The Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (which incorporates the IAPT curriculum for High Intensity Psychological Therapies as an optional course of
study) will accept RPL and Credit Transfer for its Postgraduate Certificate stage modules to a maximum of 60 credits. (PSY8047 and PSY8048). These credits must come from comparable modules within programmes accredited by the British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP) or their equivalent. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning is not accepted. For accreditation reasons applications for RPL/RPEL or credit transfer are not accepted for the Postgraduate Diploma stage modules.

**Note:** Exit Postgraduate Certificates in Cognitive Behavioural Studies awarded by this Institution may not be used for RPL or credit transfer against a higher qualification in any other Newcastle University School of Psychology programme unless specified.

- The MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology will accept up to 40 credits of Credit Transfer/RPL if the content of such credits comes from similar modules taken at level seven elsewhere. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning is not accepted.

- The MSc in Forensic Psychology is a professionally approved and accredited programme. Due to accreditation requirements the programme does not usually accept applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer. However, we will accept up to 20 credits of credit transfer if a student has previously completed the Newcastle University module PSY8046 (Legal Psychology and the Criminal Justice System, 20-credit module), or PSY8061 (Advanced Research Methods for Applied Psychology A, 10-credit module).

- The MSc in Forensic Psychology (non-accredited) is a professionally approved programme. Due to approval requirements the programme does not usually accept applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer. However, we will accept up to 20 credits of credit transfer if a student has previously completed the Newcastle University module PSY8046 (Legal Psychology and the Criminal Justice System, or PSY8061 (Advanced Research Methods for Applied Psychology A, 10-credit module).

- The MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology is a professionally approved and accredited programme. Applications for RPL/credit transfer will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and we will accept up to 20 credits of RPL/credit transfer, these credits must come from an equivalent Level 7 module with comparable content and learning outcomes. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) is not accepted.

- The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology is a professionally approved and accredited programme. Due to the nature of the programme and accreditation requirements the programme does not accept applications for RPL/RPEL or Credit Transfer.

For those programmes that do accept Credit Transfer and RPL normally only learning within the last five years can be taken into account.
**WHO TO APPROACH**

The contact person in the first instance is the Degree Programme Director for each programme:

Postgraduate Certificate in Low Intensity Psychological Therapies: Dr. Claire Lomax, Claire.lomax@ncl.ac.uk (0191 208 6295)

Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapies: Dr Christine Blincoe, Christine.blincoe@ncl.ac.uk

MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology: Dr Gavin Clark, gavin.clark@ncl.ac.uk

MSc Forensic Psychology (accredited and non-accredited programmes): Dr. Darren Johnson Darren.Johnson3@newcastle.ac.uk (0191 208 5914)

MSc Sport & Exercise Psychology: Tracy Donachie tracey.donachie@ncl.ac.uk (0191 208 7562)

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology: Dr. Claire Lomax, Claire.lomax@ncl.ac.uk (0191 208 6295)

**What evidence will be required:**

Applicants will be asked to supply a transcript showing level, credits and marks plus copies of syllabuses.

**WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN**

Each applicant for RPL or credit transfer will be issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying the learning outcomes and given an RPL/credit transfer application form.

Applicants will be advised to send details and evidence of the relevant certificated learning.

Applicants will also be advised that they may also be invited for interview to discuss further details of their prior learning.

**HOW RPL DECISIONS ARE MADE**

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to the DPD for consideration.

Decisions of the application of RPL will be made by the DPD in consultation with other selectors for each programme.

Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.