Previous Study – Examples

Your most recent course was a degree and you left with a lower level exit qualification

Calculation: \((OD+1) - PC\)

- **OD** is the duration (number of years) of the new course here at Newcastle
- **PC** is the number of years (including part years) spent on the previous course or courses

Example 1

Neil is planning to start a 3 year BA Honours degree with us in September. Neil most recently studied 1 year of a degree at another University. He decided to leave his degree and was awarded a Certificate in Higher Education (Cert HE) due to passing his 1st year.

\[(3+1) - 1 = 3\]

Neil has 3 years of tuition fee loan funding available and therefore has enough entitlement remaining to cover tuition fees for the duration of the course.

Example 2

Daisy is planning to start a 4 year BSc Honours degree with us in September. Daisy most recently studied 1 and half years of a degree at another University. She could not complete her degree, but achieved enough credits to be awarded a Higher National Certificate (HNC).

\[(4+1) - 2 = 3\]

The half year of previous study is classed as a full year of entitlement for student finance purposes so she has a total of 2 years previous study. This means she is only entitled to 3 years of tuition fee loan funding. As she is commencing a 4 year course she will need to self-finance tuition fees in year 1 of the course. Tuition fee loan funding will be paid in years 2, 3 and 4 of the course.

Example 3

Scott is planning to start a 3 year BEng Honours degree with us in September. His previous experience allow him direct entry onto year 2 of the course. He has previously studied a 2 year part-time course and achieved a Higher National Certificate (HNC). However he has most recently studied 1 year of degree and left with a lower level exit qualification (Cert HE).

\[(3+1) - 3 = 1\]

The 2 years spent on the HNC course count as two years previous study even though it was a part-time course. Add this to the 1 year spent on a degree and he has 3 years previous study. This means he is only entitled to 1 year of tuition fee loan funding. He will need to self-finance tuition fees in year 2 of the course. The tuition fee loan funding will be paid in year 3 of the course.