Previous Study – Examples

You have a lower level higher qualification and your most recent course was not a degree

Calculation: \((D+X) - PrC\)

- **D** is the duration (number of years) of the new course here at Newcastle.
- **X** is:
  - 1 where the total ordinary duration of the previous courses was less than 3 years
  - or
  - the ordinary duration of the previous courses -1 if the total ordinary duration of the previous courses was 3 years or more

- **PrC** is the number of academic years (including part years) spent on the previous courses.

**Example 1**

Neil is planning to start a 3 year BA Honours degree with us in September. Neil most recently completed a 1 year Higher Education Certificate (Cert HE) at college.

\[(3+1) – 1 = 3\]

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 was most recently awarded a Higher National Certificate (HNC) after taking 1 and half years to complete the 1 year course.

\[(4+1) – 2 = 3\]

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). He has also completed a 1 year Cert HE.

\[(3+2) – 3 = 2\]

**X** in the calculation would be 3-1=2 as the total duration of previous courses was 3 years or more. This means he is entitled to 2 years of tuition fee loan funding and therefore has enough entitlement remaining to cover tuition fees for years 2 and 3 of his course.