

What is Accredited Prior Learning or APL?

You can be credited with a PASS, MERIT or DISTINCTION by FETAC for a module you are studying this year. This can be done if you have previous study completed in a similar area at a level equal to or above your current level of study.

For example- You are studying Communications this year at Level 5. You have an honours degree in English from the National University of Galway, which is Level 8. You are therefore qualified to apply for APL.

How is APL different from MODULE EXEMPTION?

Module exemption is for previous FETAC study at the same level as your current study.

For example- You have already completed Media Analysis FETAC Level 5 at a previous college. You are then entitled to carry this result over into your current award.

How do I apply?

1. Download form from St John's website. Go to Student Zone then 'Student A-Z Forms' then Recognition of Previous Certified Learning. In this form you will be asked to indicate your

Major Award Title- this means your **course** title with official FETAC name and code

e.g. TV & Film Production	ETFPX	Creative Craft	ACXXX
Multimedia Production	EMMPX	Photography	EPXXX
Animal Care	CASAC		
Hairdressing	DHXXX		

Minor Award Title- this means the **subject** which you wish to have accredited with official FETAC name and code

e.g. Communications	G20001	Word Processing	B20032
Media Analysis	E20008		

2. You must also provide details of your previous study plus

- a written overview of your previous programme of learning (one A4 page should suffice)

- your original transcript or certificate and a copy of same. We will return original documents as soon as we've seen them. ***Include contact details- your name, class, phone number with your application.***

How about previous study from a foreign country?

All previous study must be done at a NATIONALLY RECOGNISED AWARDING BODY and not necessarily from Ireland so study done in a foreign country can be accepted. However it is up to you to translate into English all documents relating to your application.

How long does it take to get accredited?

As all applications are decided centrally by FETAC it can take up to 6 weeks. During this period we strongly advise students to keep abreast of what's happening in class in St John's as not all applications are successful.

Who do I give it to and what is the deadline?

Main Office have a drop-box. Deadline is mid Oct