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Accreditation of Prior Learning Policy

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Introduction

Central Film School appreciates that not all prospective students meet the standard entry criteria for its programmes, but that such applicants may have achieved equivalent learning outcomes through other qualifications, self-directed study, and/or professional experience. The School has, therefore, developed a policy and procedure that provides prospective students with the opportunity to demonstrate how they meet the entry criteria in other ways. This process is referred to as the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL).

Accreditation of Prior Learning refers to the recognition of previous certificated learning and/or learning experience undertaken by a student and/or applicant. This recognised learning can also be given a 'credit-value', which may permit a prospective student to commence a programme of study at a later stage, or with some credits exempted. This is sometimes referred to as entry with advanced standing, which may enable a student direct entry into Level 5 or Level 6 of an undergraduate degree.

The APL procedure is administered by Central Film School and all decisions are made by Central Film School and communicated to the potential student by Central Film School.

Applicants who wish to apply using previous study at Higher Education, Industry Experience or Work Experience are encouraged to complete the Central Film School APL Form.

The Procedures for Applicants utilising APL who do not meet standard entry requirements:

- Applicant submits application to Central Film School for a programme of study
- Application and Visual Portfolio are assessed
- Applicant is invited to interview
- Applicants will be made a conditional offer subject to successful APL submission and approval and any other conditionals relevant to their application
- Applicant asked to complete the Central Film School APL form by a member of the admissions team.
- Completed APL form is sent to the academic assessor.
- APL assessment is communicated to the Applicant by Central Film School.

The Procedures for Applicants utilising APL for entry with advanced standing:

- Applicant submits application to Central Film School for a programme of study.
- Applicant asked to complete the Central Film School APL form by a member of the admissions team.
- Completed APL form is sent to academic assessors.
- Outcome of APL is communicated to the applicant.
- Application and Visual Portfolio are assessed.
- Applicant is invited to interview
- Overall decision is communicated to the Applicant by Central Film School

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