

## Equivalent or Lower Qualifications (ELQ's)

From 2008/09, the government no longer provides funding to support Universities teaching United Kingdom and European Union students who are studying for an award which is of an equal or lower level than their existing qualifications. For example, an applicant wishing to study a degree who already has a degree is regarded as studying for an ELQ and the University would not receive funding for this student.

As a result we have introduced a new set of fees for students registering from 2010-11 who are studying for an ELQ. These fees can be found in the [Fee Policy 2010-11](#) under non-exempt ELQ fees.

A number of courses, awards and students are exempt from ELQ policy and therefore the new fees do not apply. The exemption includes Foundation Degrees, Postgraduate Certificates in Education (PGCE), Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses, Strategically Important and Vulnerable Subjects (SIVS) courses, some health related courses and students in receipt of Disabled Students Allowance (DSA).

If you are studying for an ELQ and are not covered by the exemptions the new non-exempt ELQ fees will apply.

**Applicants are required to disclose details of all qualifications they hold at the point of application in order that a proper assessment of fee status can be made. The University will take action to reclaim fees if students are undercharged as a result of failure to provide complete data.**

If you have prior higher education experience and are applying for student financial support you should contact Student Finance England/Scotland/Wales/Northern Ireland as this may also affect your entitlement to student loans and maintenance grants.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### ***How do I know if the ELQ policy affects me?***

If you have no previous higher education qualification then you will not be charged the new non exempt ELQ fees.

If you have a higher education qualification when you apply for another course then you need to consider the level of your existing qualification against the level of the qualification you are applying for.

For example if your highest previous qualification is a HND and you are applying for a degree then you are not studying for an ELQ as the degree is at a higher level than the HND

### ***What are the levels of qualifications?***

It is not possible to provide a complete list of all qualifications and their levels and individual assessments may be required in some circumstances. However the following list gives an indication of the most common qualifications in order of level from the lowest, Certificate, to the highest, Masters.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Course/Qualification</b>
2.0	GCSE/ GCE O/GNVQ-NVQL2
3.0	GCE A, AS, A2 /SCE Higher/GNVQ-NVQL3/BTEC National Diploma
4.1	Certificate
4.2	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
5.1	Diploma
5.2	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) / HND / Foundation Degree
6.1	Degree without Honours (For example BA; BSc; BEng, LLB)
6.2	Degree with Honours (For example BA (Hons); BSc (Hons); BEng (Hons); LLB (Hons)
7.1	Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)
7.2	Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)
7.3	Masters (MSc; MA; MEng)

### ***What if I am still unsure about the level of my previous qualification or the level of the qualification I am applying for?***

If you are still confused about the level of your previous qualification and the level of the course you are applying for then please contact [The Admissions Office](#) in the first instance who may be able to help or will be able to direct you to appropriate support.

### ***What fee will I be charged if I am studying for an ELQ but registered before 2010-11?***

The higher fees will only be charged to students who commenced study for an ELQ from 2010-11 onwards

### ***Does this apply to Part-Time courses?***

Yes, the policy applies to both full-time and part-time courses.

***Is there list of courses\* that are exempt from the new ELQ fees?***

The following is a list of courses\* where the new ELQ fees do not apply.

<b>Program Code</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Mode of Study</b>
ARCHA	BA (Hons) Architecture	Full Time and Sandwich Only
GARDA	BA (Hons) Garden Art And Design	Full Time and Sandwich Only
LANDA	BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture	Full Time and Sandwich Only
CLSSP	BSc (Hons) Clinical Language Sciences - Speech & Lang Therapy	All modes of study
DIETA	BSc (Hons) Dietetics	All modes of study
DIETB	PGDip Dietetics	All modes of study
MSCOT	MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)	All modes of study
NURSI	BSc (Hons) Nursing - Adult Health	All modes of study
PHYSI	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	All modes of study
PHYSM	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)	All modes of study
NURMH	BSc (Hons) Nursing - Mental Health	All modes of study
SWKBA	BA (Hons) Social Work	All modes of study
UGSWD	Undergraduate Credit - Social Work – HEFCE	All modes of study
BHSPE	BA (Hons) Secondary Physical Education Leading To The Award Of QTS	All modes of study
ECEPG	PGCE Early Childhood Education Leading To QTS	All modes of study
ECPBQ	BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education Leading To The Award Of QTS	All modes of study
HMEDL	MSc Educational Leadership	All modes of study
LMQEG	MSc Leadership And Management	All modes of study
MACST	MA Childhood Studies	All modes of study
MAEYT	MA Early Years Education	All modes of study
MEDLE	MSc Educational Leadership	All modes of study
MSLAM	MSc Leadership And Management	All modes of study
MSLMQ	MSc Leadership And Management	All modes of study
PCEPC	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PCEPD	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PCEPS	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PCEPN	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PCEPY	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PCEPW	PGCert Early Professional Development	All modes of study
PGPEQ	PGCE Primary Education Leading To The Award Of QTS	All modes of study
QBSPE	BA (Hons) Secondary Physical Education Leading To Award Of QTS	All modes of study
QECPB	BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education Leading To Award Of QTS	All modes of study
QPBSC	BSc (Hons) Primary Education Leading to Award of QTS	All modes of study
QPGSP	PGCE Secondary Physical Education Leading To Award Of QTS	All modes of study
QPREB	BA (Hons) Primary Education Leading To The Award Of QTS	All modes of study
YOUTF	BA (Hons) Community And Youth Studies	All modes of study

\* In addition to the list of courses above, the part-time language programme is exempt from the new ELQ fees.

**How much are the non-exempt ELQ fees?**

The fees will differ for individual courses however the fee bands from the 2010/11 Fee Policy are as follows:

<b>Home (UK/EU) Non-Exempt ELQ students Undergraduate</b>		
	Full Time	Part Time, Fee per credit point
Band A	£4,000	£33.34
Band B	£4,800	£40.00
Band C	£7,000	£58.34

<b>Home (UK/EU) Non-Exempt ELQ students Postgraduate Taught</b>		
	Full Time	Part Time, Fee per credit point
Band A	£6,000	£33.34
Band B	£7,200	£40.00
Band C	£7,800	£43.34

***I will be applying for Disable Students Allowance (DSA) who can I contact for further information?***

[Disability Services](#) will be able to provide you with guidance and assistance with regard to applying for Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA) and how this will affect your fees if you believe the ELQ policy may affect you.

***How do I find out what how much I will be charged?***

[The Admissions Office](#) will confirm the exact fee you will be charged after you have completed enrolment. For advice on the indicative fee for your course please contact The Fees Team at [fees@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:fees@leedsmet.ac.uk)