Applying for Accredited Prior Learning (APL) / Accredited Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

The BCU is committed to *Excellent Coaching*.

The BCU recognises that many [illegible]s and coaches wishing to transfer from other award systems or ot[illegible] may bring relevant experiences and qualifications to their coach[illegible]orts, countries and learning opportunities. These may or may [illegible]sed within the UK nonetheless they may be supportable through the BC[illegible] **Accredited Prior Learning (APL) / Accredited [illegible]**

The BCU APL / APE[illegible] nationally recognised, professional awards an[illegible]ment schemes other than its own and where they are identi[illegible] higher standard.

Examples of qualificati[illegible] BCU awards include

- Old Style BC[illegible] and or membership has expired [illegible]
- Coaching Aw[illegible]
- HE / FE Coachi[illegible]
- Coaching award[illegible]

A commitment to more [illegible] required before undertaking s[illegible] given.

The Application process

The application needs to provide clear evidence [illegible] and professional assessment of the skills contained within the award to be cross-credited. A copy of the appropriate BCU award syllabus and structure may assist in the processing. Where possible, the award held and the BCU award should be matched up. Copies of the BCU syllabi can be downloaded from the BCU website or obtained from the BCU Awarding Body,18 Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham, NG13 8AP.

The application must include –

- A completed Application Form
- A letter of recommendation from a current BCU Coach Education Trainer (at least one award higher than being applied for) stating that the BCU referee has observed you working to the standard acceptable to BCU

- A current logbook providing evidence that you are active and currently working to the level required, preferably under conditions relevant to paddlesport coaching in the UK (See the Scope at the beginning of each BCU syllabus.)
- Evidence that the applicant holds a current first aid certificate, which has been issued within the last three years.

If, as an outcome of an application an award is offered a fee equivalent to the registration / assessment cost of the award being sought would be payable . The BCU website has descriptions of course length and costs.

The application, supporting docu[illegible] fee is to be forwarded to;

BCU Awarding Body [illegible]PL / A[illegible] Market Place, Bingham, Nottingham, NG13 8A[illegible].

BCU Internal Process[illegible]

This application wil[illegible] APEL Coordinator. They will work with an inde[illegible] will r[illegible]ommendation to the APL / APEL coordinato[illegible] Any de[illegible] ha[illegible]dence supplied. The applicant will be notified of the res[illegible]plication being received. See flowcha[illegible] for p[illegible]es[illegible]

Possible outcomes

1. APL / APEL [illegible]warded. [illegible] a member of the BCU before a[illegible]ard i[illegible] fe[illegible]
2. Most criteria are co[illegible]ve[illegible]e are criteri[illegible] ne[illegible] assessed to cov[illegible]r th[illegible]s. [illegible]ssessment m[illegible] inc[illegible] more than 30% of the [illegible]ylla[illegible] as[illegible]nt will h[illegible]xpe[illegible]e applicant.
3. Not sufficient ev[illegible]ence [illegible]n A[illegible]ere w[illegible] fund of fees.

The applicant may app[illegible]al the decision. [illegible]rded in writing to the APL/ APEL Coordinator, with a fee of £[illegible]peal is upheld, the fee will be returned.

Application Review Calendar

Applications for APL / APEL will be reviewed on a four monthly cycle DEC / MARCH / JUNE / SEP. Applications need to have been received by the 1st of the month in which you would like it to be considered. **In some circumstances, therefore, it may be more appropriate to register and complete training.**