

Information regarding Equal or Lower Qualification (ELQ)

In September 2007, the government decided to withdraw funding for students who hold a Higher Education qualification from anywhere in the world that is equivalent to or higher than the second course that they are studying. Since August 2012, this will not affect the level of tuition fees they are required to pay, but these students will not be eligible for any financial support from Newman University or the UK government.

The only funding available to these students is supplementary grants from Student Finance, such as the Childcare Grant. Students, who hold a Higher Education qualification from anywhere in the world that is equivalent to or higher than the second course that they are studying, are not be eligible for the Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, Maintenance Grant or Newman University Scholarship.

ELQ regulations do not apply to students who are:

- Topping-up from an HND, HNC or Foundation Degree unless they already have an Honours Degree.
- Studying Social; Work related courses (i.e. BA Youth and Community Studies) or Teacher Training funded programmes, although their funding may still be affected. You should contact your funding agency to check your entitlement.

Students starting full-time PGCE courses will be eligible to apply for the full package of fee and maintenance (grant or loan) support even if they hold an equivalent or higher level qualification, as long as it is not a PGCE.

The information on this page does not apply to you if you are:

- classified as Overseas for fee purposes
- in receipt of Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA)
- wishing to undertake a graduate research programme of study
- undertaking the Postgraduate Certificate in Education

If you think the university has incorrectly assessed you as being liable for fees at the ELQ rate please contact the university's Admissions, telephone: 0121 476 1181 , e-mail: admissions@newman.ac.uk. You will need to explain why you believe that you do not come under the ELQ policy, so that your case can be investigated and reviewed.