

# PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS WITH APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning)

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## OBJECTIVE

The University has established this Procedure to detail the application procedure for applicants to apply to the university's programmes with APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning)

## DEFINITION OF APEL

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning or APEL is a systematic process that involves the identification, documentation and assessment of prior experiential learning to determine the extent to which an individual has achieved the desired learning outcomes, for access to a programme of study and/or award of credits.

APEL provides an opportunity for individual with working experience but lack of formal academic qualifications to pursue their studies in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). In general, knowledge obtained through formal education and working experience will be both assessed in APEL's assessment.

## LEVEL OF APEL

At the moment, APEL in Malaysia can only be use as entry requirement to HEIs for the following level of qualification;

1. Level 3 (Certificate) (Not applicable to IMU);
2. Level 4 (Diploma) (Not Applicable to IMU);
3. Level 6 (Bachelor's Degree); and
4. Level 7 (Master's Degree)

## APPLICATION WITH APEL

Below is the list of requirements for individuals who applying to IMU Programme with APEL

1. MALAYSIAN citizen
2. Aged:
  - 21 years and above at year of application for an entry/access to a programme at Bachelors level (APEL T-6) with experience in a related field; or
  - 30 years and above at year of application for an entry/access to a programme at Masters level (APEL T-7) with STPM/Diploma or any qualification equivalent to Diploma and experience in a related field.

## **PROGRAMMES TO ACCEPT APEL**

In general, IMU will accept APEL to the programmes which are listed in the MQA list of field offered, except for programmes that is regulated by professional bodies or Councils, for example, Medicine, Nursing, Master of Counselling. However, due to the nature of the programmes, IMU may impose additional assessment for students who are applying with APEL. The offer of the places is not guaranteed, and acceptance of the students into the programme is on the discretion of the university.

## **APEL APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants are required to contact MQA for the APEL assessment. After successfully passed the assessment and obtained the APEL certificate, based on the level of application, student can then submit their application to IMU with the APEL certificate. Again, acceptance of the students into the programme is on the discretion of the university.

# FLOW CHART OF APEL (A) APPLICATION & CERTIFICATION PROCESS

