

2024 - 2025

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL):

*Eligibility to access formal degree
qualifications with partner institutions.*

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Eligibility for admission to formal qualifications



Application to be eligible for admission to formal qualifications is subject to the Stellenbosch University Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) processes.

Stellenbosch Business School Executive Development (SBS-ED), an informal (short course) learning provider, has partnered with formal higher education institutions both locally (Stellenbosch Business School and the University of the Free State) and in the United Kingdom (University of Lincoln), to provide students with non-formal learning opportunities that can be used as an alternative access route into accredited Higher Education programmes.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for access allows you to enter a programme you would not normally qualify for based on formal education alone. RPL for exemption allows students to demonstrate that prior informal or non-formal learning is comparable to the learning outcomes and NQF level of a specific module/modules, thereby allowing them to be exempted from these modules. Please note that exemption from modules does not translate to credits being awarded for those modules or marks achieved in completing non-formal learning (such as short courses) to be carried over to the formal programme. Additionally, RPL cannot exempt individuals from more than 50% of the modules required for any particular programme/qualification.

Any individual who wishes to use these short courses as an avenue to apply for either RPL for access or exemption must follow a formal application process, which includes submitting evidence of the non-formal learning. Application for RPL is subject to a vigorous assessment process by the respective partnership institutions, as well as being subject to their respective internal policies and national regulations. The RPL opportunity is valid for five (5) years post completion of the SBS-ED programme, subject to changes in the contractual arrangements between the partner institutions during that period, as well as changes to the recognised formal programmes.

At Stellenbosch Business School, this is also subject to the Stellenbosch University RPL Credit Accumulation and Transfer Regulation Policy.

PLEASE NOTE: The onus is on the individual in respect of any and all logistical, administrative, and financial arrangements (not limited to tuition fees, travel expenses, any necessary travel documents and visas, any insurance costs, accommodation and meal costs, the costs of study materials and general expenses) arising from acceptance onto a formal academic programme provided by the partner institutions.

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Eligibility for Access to Formal Degree Qualifications

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING 2024 - 2025



EDP

Executive Development Programme



Postgraduate Diploma | PGDip

1. In Business Management and Administration OR
2. In Development Finance OR
3. In Project Management



Mode: Modular or Blended

Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution

Duration: 1 year (Modular) or 2 years (Blended)

On successful completion of the EDP, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the *Responsible Leadership* module and *Understanding the World* module on the listed Stellenbosch Business School Postgraduate Diplomas, on the condition that they submit all the documentation and take/pass the tests as required, as well as meet the application process and admittance criteria requirements as detailed [HERE](#).

SMDP

Senior Management Development Programme



Bachelor Honours Degree | BA(Hons)*

1. In Business Management OR
2. In Human Resource Management OR
3. In Logistics Management OR
4. In Engineering Management



**Equivalent to Bachelors' degree in South Africa, per SAQA*

Mode: Online distance-learning and work-based

Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution

Duration: 1-2 years part-time

On successful completion of the SMDP, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the listed Lincoln BSc degrees, on the condition that they meet the language entry requirements as detailed [HERE](#), as well as the application process and admittance criteria requirements.



Bachelor Degree (BML) Of Management and Leadership



Mode: Online or Modular

Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution

Duration: Part-time; estimated 4 years

On successful completion of the SMDP, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the *Introduction to Marketing* module and the *Optimising Human Capital* module on the listed UFS BA degree, on condition they have passed the equivalent module on the SMDP, as well as meet the application process and admittance criteria requirements as detailed [HERE](#).

MDP

Management Development Programme



Bachelor Degree (BML) Of Management and Leadership



Mode: Face-to-face, Online or Modular
Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution
Duration: Part-time; estimated 4 years

On successful completion of the MDP, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the *General Management* module and the *Fundamental Financial Accounting* module on the listed UFS BA degree, on condition they have passed the equivalent module on the MDP, as well as meet the application process and admittance criteria requirements as detailed [HERE](#).



Foundational Degree In Operations Management (FdSc)



Mode: Face-to-face, Online or Modular
Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution
Duration: Part-time, estimated 18 to 24 months

On successful completion of the MDP, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) on the listed Lincoln foundational degree for **entry to Year 2**, on condition that they meet the language entry requirements as detailed [HERE](#), as well as the application process and admittance criteria requirements.

YMP

Young Minds Entrepreneurship Programme



Foundational Degree In Operations Management (FdSc)



Mode: Face-to-face, Online or Modular
Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution
Duration: Part-time, estimated 18 to 24 months

On successful completion of the Young Minds Programme, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) on the listed Lincoln foundational degree for **entry to Year 1**, on condition that they meet the language entry requirements as detailed [HERE](#), as well as the application process and admittance criteria requirements.

PMP

Project Management Programme



Postgraduate Diploma | PGDip

1. In Project Management OR
2. In Development Finance



Mode: Modular or Blended
Admission Requirements: At the discretion of the institution
Duration: 1 year (Modular) or 2 years (Blended)
Required: Undergraduate degree

On successful completion of the Project Management programme, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the *Managing Projects* module on the listed Stellenbosch Business School Postgraduate Diplomas, on the condition that they submit all the documentation and take/pass the tests as required, as well as meet the application process and admittance criteria requirements as detailed [HERE](#).

Programme References

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**Stellenbosch
Business School**
STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

EDP

PMP

Stellenbosch Business School's Degree Programmes

Students seeking admission to Stellenbosch Business School's programmes must submit a comprehensive CV which includes 10 years of post-matric work experience, of which at least 5 years should have been in a management or related professional position. In addition, students must provide two persons who can testify about the candidates managerial or related professional experience, submit the SHL/GMAT selection test results (where applicable), write and submit three motivational essays (specific topics are provided), and conduct an in-depth interview with the Head of the PGD programme and one other USB academic staff member.

Applying for RPL must be exercised within 5 years of completing the programme. At Stellenbosch Business School, this is subject to the Stellenbosch University RPL Credit Accumulation and Transfer Regulation Policy.



**UNIVERSITY OF
LINCOLN**
LINCOLN INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS SCHOOL

MDP

SMDP

YOUNG MINDS

University of Lincoln's Degree Programmes

Students seeking admission to the University of Lincoln's programmes must have achieved the language requirement of either GCSE English Language at grade C or above (or recognised equivalent); or an overall IELTS score of 6.0, with no less than 5.5 in each element (or a recognised equivalent). The staff of the University of Lincoln shall, by interview or other appropriate means, give guidance to applicants seeking admission to the programmes specified. Certain programmes may require higher scores and English language requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the University Registrar.



MDP

SMDP

University of the Free State's Degree Programmes

Students seeking admission to the University of the Free State's programme must provide a portfolio which includes a formal written communication requesting RPL, an essay or narrative of who they are, an identification and evidence of prior learning, and present the same to UFS.



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