PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT

This is a credit-based qualification.
These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PDM 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

PDM 1.1 The University offers the Professional Diploma in Management. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters Dip Mgmt (Open) after their names.

PDM 2 REGISTRATION

PDM 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for this level of study. The minimum entrance requirement is the Open University’s Professional Certificate in Management, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Faculty Teaching Committee.

PDM 2.2 If you do not satisfy regulation PDM 2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the programme of study, your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

PDM 2.3 To be awarded the Professional Diploma in Management, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

PDM 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PDM 3.1 To have been awarded the qualification as first approved, you must have successfully completed Part I and Part II of the diploma. Part I comprised either the Professional Certificate in Management, the Certificate in Small Business Management or OU NVQ Level 4 in Management and was rated at 60 credits. Part II comprised specified Part II courses and was rated at 60 credits.

PDM 3.2 The Senate may have permitted you to have qualified for the diploma as first approved if you had 120 credits, of which not less than 60 credits were from the diploma profile and not more than 60 were transferred credit.

PDM 3.3 If you began your study for this qualification between May 2001 and November 2003, the Senate would have awarded the diploma if:

(a) you successfully completed 60 credits, of which 45 credits were from the compulsory module and 15 credits were from an option module

or:

(b) you successfully completed 60 credits, of which 45 credits were from the compulsory module and 15 credits were transferred credit.

PDM 3.4 If you begin your study for this qualification in May 2004 or later, the Senate will award the diploma if you successfully complete the 60-credit compulsory module.

PDM 3.5 If you began your study for this qualification between May 2001 and November 2003, the Senate would have awarded the diploma with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in the 45-credit compulsory module and a merit or distinction grade in the 15-credit module.
PDM 3.6 If you begin your study for this qualification in May 2004 or later, the Senate will award the diploma with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in the compulsory module, or with merit if you obtain a merit grade in the compulsory module.

PDM 3.7 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 20 credits.

PDM 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

PDM 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the diploma is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PDM 4.2 Against the qualification as first approved:
   (a) any award of transferred credit must take the form of module exemption
   (b) the maximum award of transferred credit is 60 credits: half the credit requirement.

PDM 4.3 Against the qualification as approved for study from May 2001:
   (a) any award of transferred credit must take the form of general credit exemption against the 15-credit module
   (b) the maximum award of transferred credit is 15 credits.

PDM 5 DURATION OF STUDY

PDM 5.1 If you are awarded this qualification on or after 1 August 2007, the credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Professional Diploma in Management must be obtained during a period not exceeding four years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

PDM 5.2 If you were awarded this qualification on or before 31 July 2007, the four-year time limit does not apply. Modules did not need to be studied consecutively.

PDM 5.3 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the Professional Diploma in Management at a specified point in time after their final presentation.