POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN EDUCATION

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).

PD–PSE 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

PD–PSE 1.1 The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters PGDPSE (Open) after their names.

PD–PSE 1.2 If you were awarded this qualification on or before 31 December 2009 and you included certain specified modules in education management, your diploma could have been designated the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Leadership and Management). If you included certain specified modules in lifelong learning, your diploma could have been designated the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Lifelong Learning). If you included certain specified modules in special educational provision, your diploma could have been designated the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Special Educational Provision). If you included certain specified modules in applied linguistics, your diploma could have been designated the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Applied Linguistics). If you included certain specified modules in equality and diversity, your diploma could have been designated the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Equality and Diversity).

PD–PSE 2 REGISTRATION

PD–PSE 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration requirements in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is a bachelor's degree conferred by a UK University or other recognised degree-awarding body.

PD–PSE 2.2 If you do not satisfy regulation PD–PSE 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.

PD–PSE 2.3 To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

PD–PSE 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–PSE 3.1 If you were awarded the qualification on or before 31 December 2009, the University will have awarded you the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education if you had a minimum of 120 credits from the specified option modules.

PD–PSE 3.2 If you qualify for this diploma under qualification code D52 after 31 December 2009 and on or before 31st December 2017 the University will award you the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education if you have a minimum of 120 credits, provided that:

(a) 60 credits are from the compulsory module

(b) at least 60 credits are from the core optional modules.
If you qualify for this diploma under qualification code E88, the University will award you the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education if you have a minimum of 120 credits, provided that:

(a) a 60-credit option module within Stage 1 of the qualification
(b) a 60-credit core specialist module within Stage 2 of the qualification

You may be awarded the qualification if you have at least 60 credits from the successful completion of one of the specified modules and an award of no more than 60 transferred credits awarded towards the Open University Masters degree in Education.

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 40 credits.

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

Any award of transferred credit must take the form of module exemption and/or general credit exemption.

The maximum award of transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma is 60 credits.

If you are awarded the postgraduate diploma after 31 December 2009, credit transfer for the compulsory 60-credit module must take the form of module exemption.

The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education must be obtained during a period not exceeding four years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

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