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Direct entry to and exemptions from the following

NCC Education qualifications and units:

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Diploma in Computing (L5DC) Level 5 Diploma in Business IT (L5DBIT)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Business Computing and Information Systems

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NCC Education allows direct entry to qualifications where a candidate has previously satisfied the relevant entry requirements. This document contains a detailed list of those qualifications which have been pre-approved to offer direct entry onto an NCC Education programme.

2   NCC Education Exemptions Procedure

NCC Education allows exemptions for certain qualifications, up to a maximum of 60 credits. Candidates should apply for exemptions BEFORE they are registered onto a unit. Requests for exemptions from units where assessment has already been sat and failed by the candidate will always be refused.

This Direct Entry and Exemptions document contains a detailed list of the qualifications and units for which exemptions are granted, and the corresponding exemptions permitted.

2.1   Applying for Credit Exemptions for a Qualification which has been authorised by NCC Education

Centres should refer to this document for confirmation that the qualification is authorised for credit exemptions, and to which units the exemptions apply. Exemption requests will not be accepted directly from individual candidates.

The Centre should complete form **AQ_03_Exemption Claim Form** (available on NCC Education's website) and email the completed form to their regional Academic Development Manager, along with a copy of the original certificate awarded to the individual, as proof that he/she has achieved the qualification.

Centres should send only those certificates relevant to the exemption request. If the candidate is already registered with NCC Education, Centres should supply NCC Education with the candidate's NCC Education ID number in the relevant field of the Exemption Claim Form.

Upon receipt of the exemption request, NCC Education will confirm receipt by either acknowledging acceptance of the request or querying any matters until they are resolved. The credit exemption will then either be applied immediately or held in a pending file until NCC Education receives the registration through the online registration system.

No reduction in fees will be given should a candidate be granted a credit exemption.

2.2   Applying for Credit Exemption for a Qualification which has not been authorised by NCC Education

In this event, the Centre should complete form **AQ_04_Non-Standard Exemption - Direct Entry Route Request Form** (available on NCC Education's website), and send the completed form to their regional Academic Development Manager. The submitted form must be accompanied by supporting documentation containing full details of the qualification
being considered for exemption, including:

- programme and/or unit learning outcomes

- syllabus or course outline

- statement of guided/non-guided learning hours

- sample assessment(s)

- statement of approval from local regulator or government

- a copy of the qualification certificate awarded to the candidate.

Once the application has been reviewed by NCC Education, the regional ADM will reply formally, either granting the exemption or refusing the request. An explanation will be provided, if desired, when a request is refused.

No reduction in fees will be given should a candidate be granted a credit exemption.

2.3   Applying for Direct Entry to an NCC Education programme

In the event that a candidate wishes to apply for direct entry onto an NCC Education programme, the Centre should complete form **AQ_04_New Exemption – Direct Entry Route Request Form** (available on NCC Education's website), and send the completed form to their regional Academic Development Manager.

In the event of the candidate holding a qualification listed below as approved to grant direct entry on to an NCC Education programme, the submitted form must be accompanied by a copy of the qualification certificate awarded to the candidate. In the event that the candidate holds a qualification which is not listed in this document, the submitted form must be accompanied by supporting documentation containing full details of the qualification to be considered for direct entry, including:

- programme and/or unit learning outcomes

- syllabus or course outline

- statement of guided/non-guided learning hours

- sample assessment(s)

- statement of approval from local regulator or government

- a copy of the qualification certificate awarded to the candidate.

Once the application has been reviewed by NCC Education, the regional ADM will reply formally, either granting the direct entry onto the programme requested, or refusing the request. An explanation will be provided, if desired, when a request is refused.

3 NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING (RQF) (L4DC) and NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS IT (RQF) (L4DBIT)

3.1 Direct Entry onto NCC Education L4DC Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
Association of Computer Professionals (ACP)	Certificate in Information Technology and Programming
Aptech Computer Education	Diploma in Computer Applications
	Diploma in Management Information Systems
British Computer Society (BCS)	Certificate in IT
City and Guilds	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence
	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Systems and Principles for IT Professionals
Education Development International (EDI)	LCCI[1] International Qualifications: Level 3 Certificate in eCommerce
	LCCI International Qualifications: Level 3 Certificate in Practical ICT Skills
	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM)
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	Foundation Diploma
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)	MCAST-BTEC Diploma in IT (Level 3)
Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR)	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM)
Pearson International Limited (Edexcel)	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Communication Technology Skills
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in ICT Systems and Principles
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals

Other Computing awards listed on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (RQF) in England which amount to 120 credits at Level 3 or above will normally be considered as appropriate Direct Entry qualifications, subject to confirmation with NCC Education.

[1] Previously awarded by the London Chamber of Commerce International Examinations Board (LCCIEB)

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3.2   Direct Entry onto NCC Education L4DBIT Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Business IT	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
Association of Business Executives (ABE)	Level 4 Diploma in Business Management
Aptech Computer Education	Diploma in Management Information Systems
Aptech Computer Education	Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering (OV-6666 Route 2; OV- 6665)
British Computer Society (BCS)	Certificate in IT
City and Guilds	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence
	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Systems and Principles for IT Professionals
Education Development International (EDI)	LCCI International Qualifications: Level 3 Certificate in eCommerce
	LCCI International Qualifications: Level 3 Certificate in Practical ICT Skills
	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM)
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	Foundation Diploma
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)	MCAST-BTEC Diploma in IT (Level 3)
Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR)	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM)
Pearson International Limited (Edexcel)	Level 3 Diploma In ICT Professional Competence
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Communication Technology Skills
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in ICT Systems and Principles
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT
	BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals
Sunway College, Ipoh *Malaysia*	Having completed Year 3 of the Diploma in Business Information Systems
University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)	Cambridge Pre-U Diploma in Business and Management

Other Business IT awards listed on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (RQF) in England which amount to 120 credits at Level 3 or above will normally be considered as appropriate Direct Entry qualifications, subject to confirmation with NCC Education.

3.3 Exemptions from NCC Education L4DC and L4DBIT Units

3.3.1 Exemption Policy

Note: The maximum exemptions granted to an individual candidate shall not exceed 50% of the programme credit total, or 60 credits.

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Aptech Computer Education	Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering (OV-6666 Route 1; OV-6630; OV-6668 and OV-6670)	Computer Networks	15	
		Computer Systems	15	
The Association of Business Executives (ABE)	**Level 5 Diploma in Business Information Systems –** 'Computer Networking' unit	Computer Networks	15	
	Level 5 Diploma in Business Information Systems – 'Principles of Programming' unit	Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	
	Level 5 Diploma in Business Information Systems - 'Organisational Behaviour' unit	Understanding Business Organisations	15	
British Computer Society (BCS)	**Certificate in Information Technology**	Software Development Techniques	15	Exemptions are only granted for candidates who have passed the entire certificate programme.
		Databases	15	
		Computer Networks	15	
CISCO	**Cisco Certified Network Associate** (CCNA)	Computer Networks	15	~
CompTIA	**A+ Certified Professional**	Computer Systems	15	~
	Network+ Certified Professional	Computer Networks	15	

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Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Informatics	Holders of the **International Diploma in Computing** (IDIC) or the **International**	Designing and Developing a Website	15	Exemptions are only granted for candidates who have passed the entire
Academy	**Diploma in Information Technology and Communication** (IDITC)	Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	diploma programme.
		Computer Networks	15	
		Databases	15	
	Diploma in Computer Studies (discontinued) – validated by NCC Education CS111 Computers and Information Processing	Computer Systems	15	
	Diploma in Computer Studies (discontinued) – validated by NCC Education CS112 Programme Design	Software Development Techniques	15	
	Diploma in Computer Studies (discontinued) – validated by NCC Education CS114 Project – Web Publishing with HTML, JavaScript and Applets	Designing and Developing a Website	15	
	Diploma in Computer Studies (discontinued) – validated by NCC Education CS163 Computer Networks	Computer Networks	15	
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	**IMIS Diploma** – 'Communications and Business Technology' unit	Computer Systems	15	~
	IMIS Diploma – 'Programming and Web Applications'	Designing and Developing a Website	15	
Kaplan Higher	**Diploma in Information Technology**	Computer Networks	15	Exemptions are only granted for

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Education		Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	candidates who have passed the entire diploma programme.
		Designing and Developing a Website	15	
Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)	**Diploma in Information Technology**	Designing and Developing a Website	15	Exemptions are only granted for candidates who have passed the entire diploma programme.
		Software Development Techniques	15	
		Computer Networks	15	
		Databases	15	
Microsoft	**MCITP Enterprise Administrator**	Computer Networks	15	Exemption only for candidates who have been awarded the MCITP certification in one of these specialist areas *and* have passed examinations **70-640** and **70-642** to achieve this.
	MCITP Server Administrator			
	Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)	Computer Networks	15	
Oracle Academy	Candidates who have passed the units **Database Design and Programming with SQL** (RQF Reference J/601/7542) *and* **Data Design** (D/601/7546)	Databases	15	These RQF units may be used within qualifications by other awarding bodies and the same exemption will be granted.
	Oracle Certified Professional Java Programmer	Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	~

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Pearson International Limited (Edexcel)	**Level 4 BTEC Diplomas –** Candidates who have passed Computer Systems unit (RQF Unit L/601/0446)	Computer Systems	15	Candidates must have passed the relevant unit but are not required to have completed a full Level 4 Diploma qualification.
	Level 4 BTEC Diplomas – Candidates who have passed *both* D/601/0466 Mathematics for Software Development *and* D/601/1276 Research Skills	Skills for Computing	15	Note that the maximum exemption of 60 credits for any one candidate. In the instance of a candidate being entitled to more than 60 credits worth of exemptions from the Edexcel Level 4 BTEC suite, they shall be invited to choose the four units for which they wish to claim exemption.
	Level 4 BTEC Diplomas – Candidates who have passed F/601/1528 Programming in Java *or* T/601/3308 Designing and developing object-oriented computer programs	Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	
	Level 4 BTEC Diplomas – Candidates who have passed J/601/1286 Website Design	Designing and Developing a Website	15	
	Level 4 BTEC Diplomas – Candidates who have passed R/601/1971Office Solutions Development	Office Solutions Development	15	
Sun Microsystems	**Sun Certified Associate for the Java Platform** (SCJPA)	Designing and Developing Object-Oriented Computer Programs	15	~
Unisoft	**Associate Diploma in Web Page Design**	Designing and Developing a Website	15	

3.3.2 L4DBIT: Note on units shared with the Level 4 Diploma in Business

The following units from the Level 4 Diploma in Business IT are shared with the existing Level 4 Diploma in Business:

- Essentials of Management
- eBusiness
- Understanding Business Organisations

All published exemptions from these three units in any other award will also apply to these units on the Level 4 Diploma in Business IT. Candidates approaching the Level 4 Diploma in Business IT from a background in business, administration and management (rather than information technology) may be eligible for exemption from one or more of these units as detailed in Section 6 below.

4 NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING (RQF) (L5DC) and NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS IT (RQF) (L5DBIT)

4.1 Direct Entry onto NCC Education L5DC Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Computing	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
Aptech	Higher Diploma in Software Engineering (HDSE)
Association of Business Executives (ABE)	Level 5 Diploma in Business Information Systems (NQF)
	Level 6 Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems (NQF)
Association of Computer Professionals (ACP)	Advanced Diploma in Computer Science
Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEC)	Diploma in Engineering (four years); *accepted pathways are "Computer Technology" or "Computer Science and Technology".*
British Computer Society (BCS)	Diploma in IT
City and Guilds	Level 4 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM) (RQF)
Informatics Academy	International Diploma in Computing (IDIC)
	International Advanced Diploma in Computing (IADIC)
	International Advanced Diploma in Networking and Communications (IADNC)
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	Higher Diploma
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)	MCAST-BTEC Extended Diploma in IT (Level 4) *(any pathway)*
Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)	Diploma in Information Technology (Edith Cowan University)
MIS Technologies Centre *Singapore*	Advanced Diploma in Information Technology
Nanyang Polytechnic *Singapore*	Year 1 and Year 2 of Diploma in Information Technology

Pearson (Edexcel)	BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals (RQF)
	BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Computing and Systems Development (RQF)
	Higher National Diploma in Computing or Computer Studies (NQF)
Perth Institute of Business and Technology *Australia*	Diploma of Computing and Information Technology (Edith Cowan University)
Systematic Education Group (SEGi) *Malaysia*	Higher Diploma in Computer Studies (SHDCS)
Singapore Polytechnic	Year 1 of Diploma in Business Information Technology *Accepted Pathways: Bio-informatics; Information Systems; Mobile Applications Development; Networking*
Scottish Qualification Authority	Higher National Diploma in one of the Computing-related areas (see SQA website for details)
Temasek Polytechnic *Singapore*	Year 1 Diploma in Internet Computing plus Year 2 Diploma in Internet Computing
TMC Educational Group *Singapore*	Diploma in Information Systems
	Higher Diploma in Information Systems

Other Computing awards listed on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (RQF) in England which amount to 120 credits at Level 4 or above will normally be considered as appropriate Direct Entry qualifications, subject to confirmation with NCC Education.

4.2   Direct Entry onto NCC Education L5DBIT Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Business IT	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
Aptech	Higher Diploma in Software Engineering (HDSE)
Association of Business Executives (ABE)	Level 5 Diploma in Business Information Systems (NQF)
	Level 6 Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems (NQF)
Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEC)	Diploma in Engineering (four years); *accepted pathways are "Computer Technology" or "Computer Science and Technology".*
British Computer Society (BCS)	Diploma in IT
City and Guilds	Level 4 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence (PROCOM) (RQF)
Informatics Academy	International Diploma in Computing (IDIC)

	International Advanced Diploma in Computing (IADIC)
	International Advanced Diploma in Networking and Communications (IADNC)
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	Higher Diploma
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)	MCAST-BTEC Extended Diploma in IT (Level 4) *(any pathway)*
Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)	Diploma in Information Technology (Edith Cowan University)
MIS Technologies Centre *Singapore*	Advanced Diploma in Information Technology
Nanyang Polytechnic *Singapore*	Year 1 and Year 2 of Diploma in Information Technology
Pearson (Edexcel)	BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals (RQF)
	BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Computing and Systems Development (RQF)
	Higher National Diploma in Computing or Computer Studies (NQF)
Perth Institute of Business and Technology *Australia*	Diploma of Computing and Information Technology (Edith Cowan University)
Systematic Education Group (SEGi) *Malaysia*	Higher Diploma in Computer Studies (SHDCS)
Singapore Polytechnic	Year 1 of Diploma in Business Information Technology *Accepted Pathways: Bio-informatics; Information Systems; Mobile Applications Development; Networking*
Scottish Qualification Authority	Higher National Diploma in one of the Computing-related areas (see SQA website for details)
Temasek Polytechnic *Singapore*	Year 1 Diploma in Internet Computing plus Year 2 Diploma in Internet Computing
TMC Educational Group *Singapore*	Diploma in Information Systems
	Higher Diploma in Information Systems

Other Business IT awards listed on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (RQF) in England which amount to 120 credits at Level 4 or above will normally be considered as appropriate Direct Entry qualifications, subject to confirmation with NCC Education.

4.3 Exemptions from NCC Education L5DC and L5DBIT Units

4.3.1 Exemption Policy

Note: The maximum exemptions granted to an individual candidate shall not exceed 50% of the programme credit total, or 60 credits.

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Association of Business Executives (ABE)	**Level 6 Business Information Systems Advanced Diploma –** 'Relational Database Applications in Business Systems' unit	Database Design and Development	15	
Association of Computer Professionals (ACP)	**Advanced Diploma in Computer Science**	Information Systems Analysis	15	
		Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	
Aptech	**Higher Diploma in Software Engineering (HDSE)**	Database Design and Development	15	Exemptions are only given to holders of the Aptech HDSE. Partial completion does not qualify for exemptions.
		Computing Project	15	
Aptech	**Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering (OV-6666 Route 1)**	Database Design and Development	15	
		Network Security and Cryptography	15	
		Computing Project	15	
Aptech	**Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering (OV-6666 Route 2)**	Computing Project	15	
Aptech	**Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering (OV-6630)**	Computing Project	15	

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Aptech	Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering OV-6668 and OV-6670	Agile Development	15	
		Computing Project	15	
Aptech	Advanced Diploma in Software Engineering OV- 6665	Computing Project	15	
		Dynamic Websites	15	
		Agile Development	15	
British Computer Society (BCS)	Diploma in IT – 'Professional Project in IT'	Computing Project or Business IT Project	15	Exemptions are only given to candidates who have completed the Diploma in IT, and will be granted according to units passed.
	Diploma in IT – 'Professional Issues in IS Practice' unit	Professional Issues in IT	15	
	Diploma in IT – 'Database Systems' unit	Database Design and Development	15	
	Diploma in IT – 'Software Engineering' unit and 'OO Programming' unit	Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Informatics Academy	International Advanced Diploma in Networks and Cybersecurity (IADNC)	Database Design and Development	15	~
		Network Security and Cryptography	15	
	International Advanced Diploma in Computing (IADIC)	Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	
		Database Design and Development	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	International Advanced Diploma in Computing (IADIC) – 'Computer Security' and 'Advanced Networking' Units (elective)	Network Security and Cryptography	15	
Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS)	**IMIS Higher Diploma**	Business IT Project	15	~
		Information Systems Analysis	15	
		Database Design and Development	15	
Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC)	**Diploma in Computer Studies**	Information Systems Analysis	15	Exemption is given to KNEC graduates who have successfully completed KNEC 'Systems Analysis and Design' at Stages 2 and 3.
Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)	**Advanced Diploma in Communication and Information Technology -** 'Systems and Database Design' unit required.	Information Systems Analysis	15	~
Malta College of Arts, Science and	**Higher National Diploma in Computing (Software Development)**	Database Development and Design	15	~

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Technology (MCAST)		Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	~
Microsoft	**MSCA: Windows Server 2012 Previously: Microsoft Certified IT Professional** (MCITP) **Enterprise Administrator** and/or **Server Administrator**	Network Security and Cryptography	15	Exemption **only** for candidates who have been awarded the full MCITP certification *and* have passed examinations **70-643, 70-647** and **70-620/680**
	Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)	Network Security and Cryptography	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
MIS Technologies Centre *Singapore*	**MIS Advanced Diploma in Information Technology**	Database Design and Development	15	~
		Network Security and Cryptography	15	
Nanyang Polytechnic *Singapore*	'Database Management Systems (Year 2)' unit	Database Design and Development	15	~
	'Java Enterprise Development' or 'Java Enterprise Development Project' unit (Year 2).	Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	~
Ngee Ann Polytechnic *Singapore*	'Database (Year 2)' unit	Database Design and Development	15	~
Pearson International	**Level 5 Diplomas (RQF) –** Candidates who have passed D/601/1956 Network Security'	Network Security and Cryptography	15	Candidates must have passed the relevant unit, but are not required to

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Limited (Edexcel)	**Level 5 Diplomas (RQF) –** Candidates who have passed K/601/1510 Web Applications Development	Dynamic Websites	15	have completed a full Level 5 Diploma qualification.
	Level 4 Diplomas (RQF) – Candidates who have passed R/601/1971Office Solutions Development	Office Solutions Development	15	
Singapore Polytechnic	**Diploma in Computing Engineering** – any two units from the Computer Security or Computer Networks option groups in Years 2 and 3	Network Security and Cryptography	15	~

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)	Scottish Higher National Diploma (HND) (SCQF Level 8) – 'Information and Communication Technology in Business' unit	Professional Issues in Information Technology	15	~
TMC Educational Group	Higher Diploma in Information Systems – 'Database Systems' unit	Database Design and Development	15	~
	Higher Diploma in Information Systems – 'Level 1 Business System: Analysis and Design' and 'Level 2 Methods for Analysis and Design' units	Analysis, Design and Implementation	15	~
University of London	BSc Computing and Information Systems – 'Database Systems' unit	Database Design and Development	30	

4.3.2 L4DBIT: Note on Units shared with the Level 5 Diploma in Business

The following units from the Level 5 Diploma in Business IT are shared with the existing Level 5 (International) Diploma in Business:

- Principles of Business Operations
- Information Systems and Organisations

All published exemptions from these three units in any other award will also apply to these units on the Level 5 Diploma in Business IT. Candidates approaching the Level 5 Diploma in Business IT from a background in business, administration and management (rather than information technology) may be eligible for exemption from one or more of these units as detailed in Section 7 below.

5 LEVEL 6 BSC (HONS) BUSINESS COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

5.1 Direct Entry onto Level 6 BSC (Hons) Business Computing and Information Systems

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the Level 6 BSC (Hons) Business Computing and Information Systems	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
NCC Education	L5 Diploma in Computing
Pearson*	BTEC HND in Computing
ATHE	Level 5 in Computing
OBS	Level 5 Diploma in Computing
Informatics	International Advanced Diploma in Computing
ABMA**	Computing and Information Systems
Edexel	HND Computing and Systems Development (Networking)
Informatics***	Diploma in IT and Advanced Diploma in IT

* This entry pathway is based on students studying optional units that focus on the areas of computing covered in the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Computing. These areas are programming, databases, networking and web design and can be found in such units as: Unit 13; Unit 14; Unit 15; Unit 17; Unit 19; Unit 24; Unit 27; Unit 33; Unit 35; Unit 41; Unit 43 and Unit 46 (NB. Students don't have to study all of these).

** This entry pathway is based on students also completing the NCC Education Level 5 Network Security and Cryptography unit.

*** This entry pathway is based on students completing both Diploma in IT and Advanced Diploma in IT.

6 NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS (RQF) (L4DB)

6.1 Direct Entry onto NCC Education L4DB Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Business (L4DB).	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
ABE (The Association of Business Executives)	Certificate in Business Management
Boston Business Management School	Certificate in Business Management
Cambridge Diploma	Diploma in Business
	Diploma in ICT
IMIS (Institute for the Management of Information Systems)	Foundation Diploma
LCCIEB (London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board)	Any Level 3 Group Diploma
New Zealand Qualifications Authority- authorised awarding bodies	Have completed partially the New Zealand Diploma in Business
Pearson International Limited (Edexcel)	BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business
Sunway College, Ipoh	Have Completed Year 3 of Diploma in Business Information System

6.2 Exemptions from NCC Education L4DB Units

6.2.1 Exemption Policy

The maximum amount of exemptions given to an individual candidate shall not exceed 60 credits.

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
The Association of Business Executives (ABE)	**Business Information Systems Diploma Part I** – 'Business Communication' unit	Communications for Business	15	~
	Business Information Systems Diploma Part I – Organisational Behaviour (Management Pathway)	Understanding Business Organisations	15	
	Business Information Systems Diploma Part I – Accounting (Finance Pathway)	Introduction to Finance	15	
	Business Management Diploma Part 1 – Economics unit	Fundamentals of Economics	15	
		Introduction to Finance	15	**Note:** The maximum exemption that can be given from NCC Education International Diploma in Business is **Four units**.
	Business Management Diploma Part 1 – 'Business Communication' unit	Communications for Business	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	Business Management Diploma Part 2 – 'Marketing' unit	Principles of Marketing	15	
	Business Management Diploma Part 2 – 'Quantitative Methods' unit	Business Mathematics	15	
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	**ACCA part 1** Preparing Financial Statements	Introduction to Finance	15	~
Cambridge International College *New Zealand*	**Diploma in Marketing**	Principles of Marketing	15	~
Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)	**Cambridge International Diploma in Business** – CIE Career Award in Business	Communications for Business	15	Exemption is given to CIE candidates who successfully complete and, are holders of, the Cambridge International Diploma in Business Advanced Level Diploma.

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	**CIMA Professional Qualification**	Introduction to Finance	15	Exemption is given to CIMA candidates who successfully complete the following units: Management Accounting Performance Evaluation Financial Accounting and Tax Principles Management Accounting Decision Management Financial Analysis
Informatics – Thames Business School	**Thames International Diploma in Business Administration**	Essentials of Management	15	**Note:** The maximum exemption that can be given from NCC Education International Diploma in Business is **four units**; therefore, the candidate must choose which exemptions they would like to apply for.
		Business Mathematics	15	
		Fundamentals of Economics	15	
		Principles of Marketing	15	
	Thames International Diploma in Business Administration – 'Principles of Accounting' unit	Introduction to Finance	15	
	Thames International Diploma in Business Administration – 'Business Communication' unit	Communications for Business	15	
Institute for the Management of	**IMIS Diploma** – 'Business Communication' unit	Communications for Business	15	~

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Information Systems (IMIS)	**IMIS Diploma** – 'Financial and Quantitative Methods' unit	Business Mathematics	15	
New Zealand Qualifications Authority – authorised awarding bodies	**New Zealand Diploma in Business** – Marketing Principles unit.	Communications for Business	15	~
	New Zealand Diploma in Business – The Economic Environment unit.	Fundamentals of Economics	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business – Organisation and Management unit.	Essentials of Management	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business – Business who have successfully completed the 'Accounting Principles' **and** 'Accounting Practices' units.	Introduction to Finance	15	
SIM University, *Singapore*	**SIM Diploma in Management Studies**	Communications for Business	15	~
		Essentials of Management	15	
		Introduction to Finance	15	
		Fundamentals of Economics	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Unisoft / Times College *Hong Kong*	**Times College Diploma** in Business Administration	Fundamentals of Economics	15	Exemption is given to Times College Diploma holders who have successfully passed these units. However, holders of the Times Diploma cannot exceed four exemptions or 50% from L4DB and therefore should take any four remaining units to gain the full L4DB award.
		Communications for Business	15	
		Understanding Business Organisations	15	
		Introduction to Finance	15	
		Principles of Marketing	15	
		Direct entry to L5DB Bridging Course: Times Diploma holders may take a bridging course of the two NCC Education units: Essentials of Management and Business Mathematics, which may be studied.		
University of London	**Diploma in Economics/BSc Business and Management**	Fundamentals of Economics	15	Exemption is given to Times College Diploma holders who have successfully passed these units. However, holders of the Times Diploma cannot exceed four exemptions or 50% from L4DB and therefore should take any four remaining units to gain the full L4DB award
		Introduction to Finance	15	
		e-business	15	
		Principles of Marketing	15	
		Business Mathematics	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Yangon Institute of Economics Myanmar	**Bachelor of Commerce** – 'Managerial Accounting' and 'Business Accounting and Cost Accounting' units	Introduction to Finance	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.
	Bachelor of Commerce – 'Principles of Management' unit	Essentials of Management	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed the specified unit.
	Bachelor of Business Administration – 'Business Accounting', 'Management Accounting' and 'Financial Accounting' units	Introduction to Finance	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.
	Bachelor of Business Administration – 'Business Communication I' and 'Business Communication II' units	Communications for Business	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.
	Diploma in Management and Administration – 'Marketing' unit	Principles of Marketing	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed the specified unit.
	Bachelor of Accounting – ' 'Financial Accounting', 'Preparing Financial Statement II' and 'Cost Accounting' units	Introduction to Finance	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.

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7 NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS (RQF) (L5DB)

7.1 Direct Entry onto NCC Education L5DB Qualification

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the NCC Education Level 5 Diploma in Business (L5DB)	
Awarding Body/ Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
The Association of Business Executives (ABE)	Business Management Diploma Parts 1 and 2
	Business Information Systems Diploma Parts 1 and 2
Edexcel	Higher National Diploma (HND) in Business
Informatics – The Thames Business School	International Diploma in Business Administration
	Higher Diploma in Business Administration
	Advanced Diploma in Business Administration
La Salle – Business Engineering School *Spain*	BA Graduate in Management of Business and Technology (1st and 2nd Year)
La Trobe University *Australia*	Diploma in Business Administration
Mahatma Gandhi University *India*	Bachelor of Business Administration
New Zealand Qualifications Authority-authorised awarding bodies	New Zealand Diploma in Business
Unisoft *Hong Kong*	Professional Diploma in Financial and Computerized Accounting Studies Holders of this qualification may directly enter NCC Education L5DB subject to the condition that they also successfully complete the following NCC Education L4DB units: • Communications for Business • Understanding Business Organisations • Essentials of Management • Principles of Marketing ***Notes:*** The L4DB units may be studied concurrently with L5DB units. Holders of this qualification who are 21 years of age or over may directly enter NCC EDUCATION L5DB without any other condition.

	Professional Diploma in E-Logistics Management
	Holders of this qualification may directly enter NCC Education L5DB subject to the condition that they also successfully complete the following NCC Education L4DB units:
	• Communications for Business
	• Understanding Business Organisations
	• Essentials of Management
	• Principles of Marketing
	Notes:
	The L4DB units may be studied concurrently with L5DB units.
	Holders of this qualification who are 21 years of age or over may directly enter NCC Education L5DB without any other condition.
Yangon Institute of Economics *Myanmar*	Bachelor of Commerce
	Bachelor of Business Administration
	Master of Business Administration

7.2 Exemption from NCC Education L5DB Qualification

7.2.1 Exemption Policy

The maximum amount of exemptions given to an individual candidate shall not exceed 60 credits.

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
The Association of Business Executives (ABE)	**Business Information Systems Diploma, Part II** – 'Quantitative Methods for Business and Management' unit	Advanced Business Mathematics	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.
	Business Information Systems Diploma, Part II – 'Managerial Accounting' unit.	Financial Management	15	
	Business Information Systems Diploma, Part II – 'Human Resource Management' unit	Human Resources in Business	15	
	Business Management Diploma, Part II – 'Quantitative Methods for Business and Management' unit	Advanced Business Mathematics	15	
	Business Management Diploma, Part II – 'Managerial Accounting' unit	Financial Management	15	

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Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	Business Administration Diploma, Part II – 'Marketing Policy, Planning and Communication' unit	Marketing in Business	15	~
	Business Management Diploma, Part II – 'Human Resource Management' unit	Human Resources in Business	15	
	L6 Business Management Diploma - 'Financial Accounting' unit	Financial Management	15	
	L6 Business Management Diploma - 'Strategic Marketing Management' unit	Marketing in Business	15	
	ABE RQF unit - F/502/4804 Human Resource Management	Human Resources in Business	15	
	ABE RQF unit - M/502/4796 Financial Accounting	Financial Management	15	
	ABE RQF unit - K/502/4800 Quantitative methods of Business Management	Advanced Business Mathematics	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	ABE RQF unit - J/502/4805 Marketing Policy, Planning and Communication	Marketing in Business	15	
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	**ACCA Part 1:** 1.3 Managing People	Human Resources in Business	15	~
Chartered Management Institute (CMI)	**Diploma in Management and Leadership**	Financial Management	15	~
		Human Resources in Business	15	
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	**CIMA Professional Qualification**	Financial Management	15	Exemption is given to CIMA candidates who successfully complete the following units: Management Accounting Performance Evaluation Financial Accounting and Tax Principles Management Accounting Decision Management Financial Analysis

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
Edexel	**Level 5 BTEC HND in Business:** Managing Human Resources unit	Human Resources in Business	15	
	Level 5 BTEC HND in Business: Managing Financial Resources & Decisions ; Financial Reporting units	Financial Management	15	
	Level 5 BTEC HND in Business: Information Systems unit	Information Systems and Organisations	15	
New Zealand Qualifications Authority- authorised awarding bodies	**New Zealand Diploma in Business** 'Managerial Economics' unit	Business Economics	15	**Notes**: The maximum exemption permitted is **four** units. If the candidate is eligible for more than four exemptions, they may choose which four to take up. The candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Human Resource Management' unit	Human Resources in Business	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Marketing Principles' and 'Marketing Planning and Control' units	Marketing in Business	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Buyer Behaviour and Communication Strategies' unit	Understanding Consumer Behaviour	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Quantitative Business Methods' unit	Advanced Business Mathematics	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Operations Management' unit	Principles of Business Operations	15	
	New Zealand Diploma in Business 'Accounting Principles and Financial Accounting' and 'Management Accounting' units	Financial Management	15	
Informatics – Thames Business School	**Thames Higher Diploma in Business Administration** – 'Cost and Management Accounting' unit	Financial Management	15	**Note**: the candidate must have been awarded the qualification *and* passed all of the specified units.

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Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	Thames Higher Diploma in Business Administration – 'Marketing' unit	Marketing in Business	15	
	Thames Advanced Diploma in Business Administration – 'Business Finance' unit	Financial Management	15	
	Thames Advanced Diploma in Business Administration – 'Human Resource Management' unit	Human Resources in Business	15	
Yangon Institute of Economics *Myanmar*	**Bachelor of Commerce;** Management Accounting unit.	Financial Management	15	~
	Bachelor of Commerce; Marketing, Finance and Financial Accounting unit and the Financial Accounting II and Government Accounting units.			
	Bachelor of Business Administration; Business Accounting and Managerial Accounting II AND Financial Accounting II units.	Financial Management	15	

Awarding Body	Qualification	NCC Education Units Exempted	Credit Value	Notes
	Bachelor of Business Administration; Managerial Economics unit.	Business Economics	15	
	Bachelor of Business Administration; Production and Operations Management I and Production and Operations Management II units.	Principles of Business Operations	15	
	Master of Business Administration; 'Human Resource Management' unit.	Human Resources in Business	15	
	Master of Business Administration; 'Consumer Behaviour' unit.	Understanding Consumer Behaviour	15	
	Master of Business Administration; 'Managerial Economics' unit.	Business Economics	15	
	Master of Business Administration; 'Marketing Management' unit.	Marketing in Business	15	
	Diploma in Management and Administration; 'Human Resource Management' unit.	Human Resources in Business	15	
	Diploma in Management and Administration; 'Management Economics' unit.	Business Economics	15	
	Diploma in Management and Administration; 'Production and Operations Management' unit.	Principles of Business Operations	15	

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8   Level 6 BA (Hons) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

8.1   Direct Entry onto Level 6 BA (Hons) Business Administration

Holders of the following qualifications may directly enter the Level 6 BSC (Hons) Business Computing and Information Systems	
Awarding Body/Organisation	**Title of Qualification**
NCC Education	L5 Diploma in Business
Pearson*	BTEC HND in Business
ESEI	Level 5 in Business
Informatics	International Advanced Diploma in Business Administration
ATHE**	Level 4 & 5 Extended Diploma in Management
New Zealand Qualifications Authority	Level 6 Diploma in Business
ABE	Level 5 & 6 Diploma in Business Management
Eduqual	Diploma in Business & Marketing Management (SCQF Level 8)

* This entry pathway is based on students studying the following HND optional units: Unit 13; Unit 14; Unit 15; Unit 16; Unit 17; Unit 21; Unit 33; Unit 34 and Unit 40

** To gain direct entry, students MUST have completed BOTH the ATHE Level 4 Extended Diploma in Management & Level 5 Extended Diploma in Management. Also, students have to study the following electives: 'Marketing Principals and Practice' and 'Risk Management'/'CRM'.

9 NCC EDUCATION LEVEL 7 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (RQF) (L7DBM)

9.1 Direct Entry onto NCC Education L7DBM

No direct entry routes are currently offered for the L7DBM.

9.2 Exemptions from NCC Education L7DBM

No exemptions are currently offered from L7DBM units.

10 LEVEL 3 / FOUNDATION LEVEL

Although there are no formal exemptions for NCC Education's Foundation or Level 3 qualifications, candidates may be granted an exemption for the Developing English Language Skills (DELS) unit of the International Foundation Year upon submission of a valid International English language Testing System (IELTS) certificate. The minimum overall IELTS score required to be exempted from DELS is 5.5. No minimum component scores are required for this exemption to be granted.