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ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

WHAT IS APEL?

- A systematic process of identification, documentation, assessment and accreditation of prior experiential learning.
- To determine the extent to which an individual has achieved the desired learning outcomes for APEL.A (admission into tertiary studies), APEL.C (award of credits toward a course) and APEL.Q (award of academic qualifications).
- To support the national agenda – lifelong learning.

Experiential Learning



Formal learning



Informal learning



Non-formal learning



About **Asia e University**

Asia e University (AeU) is a unique collaborative multinational university initiated by the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), a body established in 2002 to promote Asian cooperation at a continental level.

The University is established as a Malaysian initiative and prime mover to champion e-Education, affirmed at the ACD Ministerial Meetings in Islamabad (2005) and Doha (2006) and supported by 35 ACD member countries.

AeU is also a proponent of lifelong learning and this is supported through the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) Centre.

As a spearheading institution of choice in the new wave digital learning, AeU is the major catalyst in promoting Asia wide networks for cooperation in digital education today.



Message From The Vice Chancellor

**Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Datuk
Dr Nik Mustapha Raja Abdullah**
Vice Chancellor

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today is a significant day for Asia e University as we embark on a new journey in the education space. I am proud to announce that AeU has been nominated by the Malaysia Government for the APEL.Q initiative.

Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) is dedicated to recognising the value of learning at various life stages. This is referred to as Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) and is incorporated into the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF). It recognises lifelong learning and promotes social inclusion through APEL by offering access to academic qualifications to those who would otherwise be excluded due to a lack of formal qualifications or work responsibilities.

Award of Academic Qualifications (APEL.Q) refers to the award of academic qualifications to individual learners based on the evaluation and assessment of prior experiential learning toward fully approved programmes offered by Malaysian higher education providers. It provides a technique for recognising an individual's prior experiential learning that is relevant and distinctive to a programme of study.

The objective of the AeU APEL CENTRE is to increase access to higher education by recognising individuals with prior experiential learning for the purposes of admission and credit awarding. AeU APEL Centre ensures that all of its activities and processes adhere to the Malaysian Qualifications Agency's requirements (MQA).



Message from The Head of APEL



Ts. Fazilah Che Fauzi
Head of APEL Centre

It is an honour and privilege to be part of an organisation that supports the lifelong learning agenda and flexible education through the implementation of APEL.

AeU APEL Centre seeks to promote acceptance of lifelong activities and practices where the learners may be granted entry (APEL.A), credits (APEL.C) and award of academic qualifications (APEL.Q) for a programme with recognition of learning through formal, informal and non-formal or continuing professional development training.

The objectives and functions of this centre are to:

1. Develop quality APEL guidelines and policies for schools and departments/units in AeU.
2. Provide training and briefing regarding APEL processes and systems.
3. Maintain an up-to-date repository of information and resources on APEL, APEL.A, APEL.C and APEL.Q.
4. Design and update assessment instruments for APEL.A, APEL.C and APEL.Q.
5. Promote APEL initiatives.

As the MQA has approved AeU to offer our programmes through APEL, we are proud to continuously provide flexible education for working adults and encourage more individuals with extensive work experience to acquire academic qualifications through different assessment mechanisms without following conventional study methods.

What is **APEL.Q?**

- The award of academic qualifications to individual learners through the evaluation and assessment of prior experiential learning towards fully accredited programmes offered by AeU.
- Developed to encourage adults with vast related work experience to earn a relevant degree award through a structured assessment without subjecting themselves to the conventional evaluation.
- 100% based on work experience and dissertation or project paper or final project depending on programme chosen.

APEL.Q **Benefits**



**Life
Long
Learning**



**Avoid
Repetitive
Learning**



**Fast
Track
Education**



**Recognised
Prior
Learning**

APEL.Q Programmes

Approved and recognised by MQA

Doctor of Business Administration
(R2-DL/340/8/0407)(A9673) (04/26)

Master of Business Administration
(R2-DL/345/7/0305)(A9102) (04/23)

Master in Management
R2-DL/345/7/0452)(A9491) (01/24)

**Master of Human Resource
Management**
(R2-DL/345/7/0971)(MQA/FA0673)
(11/21)

**Master of Information &
Communication
Technology Management**
(R2-DL/482/7/0455)(A9885) (05/24)

Master of Education
(R2-DL/1407/7/0007)(A9151) (08/23)

**Master of Information &
Communication
Technology Management**
(R2-DL/482/7/0455)(A9885) (05/24)

**Bachelor of Digital Creative Media
(BDCM)**
(N/213/6/0059) (MQA/FA1269)
(09/19)

**Bachelor of Business Administration
(BBA)**
(R2-DL/340/6/0458) (A9101) (04/25)

**Bachelor of Information &
Communication Technology (BICT)**
(R2-DL/481/6/0482) (A9489) (05/26)

**Bachelor of Education (Early
Childhood Education)**
(R-DL/143/6/0031) (MQA/FA1280)
(05/24)

**Bachelor of Education (Teaching
Islamic Studies in Primary School)
with Honours**
(R-DL/141/6/0018) (MQA/FA1828)
(11/24)

Application of APEL.Q implementation in progress

APEL.Q

Application Requirements

- Applies to adult learners with relevant prior experiential learning.
- Formally registered as AeU student.
- Fulfil the minimum years of working experience in the relevant field.

MQF Level	Minimum years of Working Experience	Completion Timeline
APEL T6 Bachelor's Degree	15 Years	8 - 12 Months
APEL T7 Master's Degree	20 Years	8 - 12 Months
APEL T8 Doctoral Degree	25 Years	12 – 15 months

APEL.Q Application Process

Briefing & Self Assessment Form



A counselling session conducted by AeU APEL Unit to inform the learner about APEL.Q processes, expectations and possible outcomes.

A guided self-assessment exercise to determine learners' eligibility.

Portfolio Assessment



A formal document that contains a compilation of evidence documenting the learner's prior experiential learning and his/her articulation of learning acquired over a period of time.

Field Validation & Visit (FVV)



Visit to the workplace of the learner or any environment/location that is conducive and which permits appropriate and accurate assessment.

Challenge Test Graded/ Marked



A proctored standardise test in the form of written test, oral examination, product and/ or performance assessment to assess the body of knowledge/ competencies of the programme.

CAPSTONE Course (s)



A course that is designed to be offered in the final semester/ year of studies such as dissertation, project paper or final project depending on programme chosen.

Approval by Academic Board & Senate



The result from the APEL.Q assessment will be tabled at the academic board and senate for approval.

Qualification Awarded



Note

* Learners have to pass each stage of the assessment in the sequential order stated above before proceeding to the next stage.

Distinguished Alumni

APEL.Q DBA



In supporting the national agenda of developing talent and highly skilled workers, I am proud to be part of the lifelong learning initiatives, completing my Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) via APEL.Q pathway at Asia e University.

I hope this initiative will attract more Malaysians to pursue tertiary education, as part of their lifelong learning and also make Malaysia the destination of choice to pursue higher education. APEL.Q would provide more significant opportunities for the public to access higher education in line with the ministry's 2015-2025 development plan.

YB. Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad



The outstanding educators and professors who saw me through this journey made my Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) experience special. The design of the programme is unique and it brought me great insight into the value of work experience and then being able to derive academic knowledge from it was indeed unique and fulfilling. I feel better equipped to face the challenges in the ever-changing environment.

Dato' Dr. Din Adam



APEL.Q pathway through various types of assessment allowed me to reflect on my past learning and achievements in life.

As I personally underwent the APEL.Q process for Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), I felt that the implementation of APEL.Q at AeU is underpinned by and operated within a set of core principles that ensure effective, transparent, quality-assured practices that instill confidence in all stakeholders in the outcomes of the APEL.Q process.

The commitment of AeU APEL team and supported by professionals and a methodical competent panel of experts made my APEL.Q journey a pleasant one!

Datuk Dr. Syed Hussain Syed Husman

Distinguished Alumni

APEL.Q DBA



We all hear one key factor for success in today's world, which is to become a life-long learner. I enrolled in the APEL.Q Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) for reasons pertinent to my self- development and the desire to apply academic findings to real life experience.

This flexibility is very much welcomed as it gives value to lifelong knowledge and work experience.

Tuan Haji Dr. Apli Yusof



The decision to pursue the APEL.Q DBA was made based on the recognition it accorded to my career and my lifelong contribution to society. It gave me perspective on how learning outcomes are matched to life experiences. The stimulating experience of completing the dissertation and knowing that it carries my passion for how I am able to look into affordable housing that will benefit Malaysians is very rewarding. I would like to thank the APEL and the Academic team at AeU for their exceptional guidance.

Datuk Seri Tengku Dr. Adnan Tengku Mansor



One might wonder what was my drive to pursue the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) at this juncture in my life. To me, the DBA was the stage in which I could showcase my lifetime achievements and merge them into an academic structure. Being an Apel.Q DBA candidate has provided fulfillment in many more ways than I had ever contemplated. The opportunity to explore a problem in a specific area, in a way that is academically rigorous yet relatable to the field of work, is unique. Working with a magnificent team of supervisors, and with great peers, committing to this programme to make a positive, tangible difference to myself and the society at large, is something I shall cherish.

Dato' Dr. Ghazi @ Hasbullah Haji Ramli

Pioneers

APEL.Q MBA & BDCM



The Master of Business Administration (MBA) learning experience through the APEL.Q pathway has definitely allowed me to continue my passion for learning, whilst pursuing my love for cooking as a Chef, and managing local and international brands as an entrepreneur. For those considering to take their academic knowledge to the next level, AeU is definitely the place to go to! Tight schedules and heavy office workload is no longer a hurdle to pursue an education upgrade.

Dato' Ahmad Fadzli Yaakob
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)



APEL.Q has given me a different view and a better understanding of flexible learning. Through a structured assessment in facilitating and recognizing experiential learning, it provided me with a life-changing opportunity to complete my Bachelor of Digital Creative Media (BDCM). This new pathway to achieving a tertiary education qualification is a milestone achievement in my career and personal life. With courage teamwork and support from the APEL team, and with guidance from advisors and assessors at AeU, made my APEL.Q journey a pleasant one.

Mr. Khairul Aizat Abdul Rauf
BACHELOR OF DIGITAL CREATIVE MEDIA (BDCM)



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