

What is APL?

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) Guidelines

PLATFORM ACCREDITATION SCHEME (PAS)

The APL application form for PAS(d) has to be submitted together with the separate APL application form for PAS(s).

The APL application form for PAS(s) can be submitted without applying for PAS(d)

An applicant for APL must be either (i) a full member of an SNU affiliated church/centre, (ii) an Individual Member of the SNU or (iii) a Member of SNU International.

Accreditation of Prior Learning is for people who want to work towards achieving an SNU award and have already gained a vast amount of knowledge and experience in demonstrations of speaking and demonstrating and/or attending or running workshops on these subjects. This is known as 'experiential learning'.

APL recognises 'experiential learning' already achieved and when applying for APL the candidate has to provide supporting evidence in the form of witness statements, and other documentation to support their application including photocopy evidence of course SD1 completion letter.

The first route towards achieving an SNU award in speaking and demonstrating or speaking is to register and complete the Platform Accreditation Scheme (PAS) criteria in (a) speaking or (b) speaking and demonstrating.

The experiential learning applicant must complete individual APL applications for each subject in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (1) **APL** application form for PAS(s) can be submitted without completing a separate APL application form for PAS(d).
- (2) **APL** application form for PAS(d) has to be submitted together with a separate APL application form for PAS(s).

APL Speaking Complete APL application form for speaking. Witness statements and supporting evidence of knowledge and experience must be submitted with the application form plus photocopy evidence of course SD1 completion letter and £30 fee.

APL Demonstrating Complete APL application form for demonstrating. Witness statements and supporting evidence of knowledge and experience must be submitted with the application form plus photocopy evidence of course SD1 completion letter and £30 APL fee. **APL demonstrating application must be accompanied by APL speaking application.**

If the APL application is successful in either one or both subjects, the applicant's skills and abilities are recognised by waving specific criteria associated with the PAS(s) and PAS(d).

Waving of PAS Criteria The waving of PAS criteria in speaking and speaking/demonstrating includes not having to (i) take 25 church services and have log books signed each time by the chairperson, (ii) attend and pay for the review sessions in each subject and (iii) wait to complete these criteria and instead go straight for the Final Assessment in PAS (s)(d) or PAS(s) Final. (Evidence of completion of SD1 course is required).

CSNU Award Successful APL PAS candidates who at their Final Assessment want to be considered for a CSNU award have to comply and agree to the following conditions:

- (a) has successfully completed Courses SD1 and SD4
- (b) is an individual member of the SNU
- (c) agrees when registering to pay the extra cost for each subject
- (d) agrees to take the higher level CSNU (s)(d) or CSNU(s) Final Assessment criteria
- (e) accepts the decision of assessors on whether or not they have achieved CSNU standard, PAS standard or failed to achieve either standard for an award to be granted.

Collecting Evidence

To support a claim for APL the experiential learning applicant must gather evidence for a portfolio. The evidence collected must be appropriate and genuine and should include:

- Witness testimonies – people qualified to act as witnesses and confirm accuracy of candidate's capabilities, skills and experience.
- Witness testimonies of workshops, seminars and courses attended
- Observations – where someone will see you performing certain things
- Certificates – photocopy evidence of relevant certificates
- Letters of completion for SNU and other education courses

Application Payment Fee

Contact Registrations and advise them of the APL application at the following address.

Registrations
SNU, Redwoods, Stansted Hall, Stansted,
Essex, CM24 8UD
(Telephone 01279 816363)

At the time of notifying Registrations it will be necessary to pay the application fees. Evidence of paying the fees must be submitted with the completed APL application form.

The completed APL application form, evidence gathered in portfolio and evidence of payment of fees should be sent to: Minister June English, Chairman of Accreditation either electronically at acc.dir@snu.org.uk or addressed to 2B Sheppard Road, Balby, Doncaster.

Independent Assessors

The completed APL application form and evidence gathered in a portfolio will be assessed by 3 independent Assessors and their recommendation made to T&A, who will make the final decision.

Certificate of Competence

Successful APL applicants will be issued with a letter confirming the APL has been approved.

Candidates who fulfil all relevant criteria, have completed necessary courses/s and achieved the necessary points are eligible to forego the training required for the award and go straight to a Final Assessment.

Any questions or assistance with completing APL can be obtained by contacting the Chairman of Accreditation. (Details as above).

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STAGE 1

1. WITNESS STATEMENTS/REFERENCES:

Minister/Officiant	5PTS
TSNU	5PTS
Diploma Holder in the subject	4PTS
Certificate holder in the subject	3PTS
Church officer/committee member	2PTS
Independent witness	2PTS

2. SNU COURSES – RELEVANT TO AWARD

Foundation TT course/enhance your Teaching Skills	
Mediumship or speaking courses held at AFC Stansted or AFC Stafford	5PTS

STAGE 2

SNU EDUCATION COURSES – RELEVANT TO AWARD

Photocopies of any SNU diploma, certificate and course completion letters relevant to the PAS must accompany the application.

STAGE 3

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

- Final Assessment
- Foundation TT Course

Candidates must attain 15 points relevant to the award being sought to be granted APL.

Candidates who fulfil all relevant criteria, have completed necessary courses/s and achieved the necessary points are eligible to forego the training required for the award and go straight to a Final Assessment.

**ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING
CANDIDATE PROFILE/APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel No _____ Mobile _____

Email address _____

Are you a Church member? _____ If yes, for how many years? _____

Are you an Individual Member of SNU? _____ If yes for how many years? _____

Individual Member Number _____

Are you a member of SNUi _____ If yes for how long _____

SNUi membership number _____

SNU Awards held: _____

SNU Education courses completed: _____

(Photocopies of course completion letters must be attached to this application)

Workshops etc. attended: _____

Teaching experience, circle leader etc. _____

Committees you have served on with position and length of time _____

I declare that each of the above statements is true and accurate

Applicant' Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

**ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING
ASSESSOR'S REPORT SHEET**

Name of Candidate: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Elements of qualification requested for APL _____

List of evidence presented by Candidate _____

Does evidence satisfy criteria for each element Yes/No _____

Is the evidence
Authentic Yes/No _____ Appropriate Yes/No _____

Relevant Yes/No _____ Current Yes/No _____

Assessor's comments _____

Results (delete as appropriate) _____

Claim allowed for all elements _____

Claim allowed for element Nos _____

Claim rejected _____

Assessor's signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Each of the 3 assessors to complete a separate report sheet. Outcome results will be amalgamated for a decision to be made by T&A.

ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING WITNESS TESTIMONY

Candidate Name: _____

Element _____

I confirm that the observed performance was satisfactorily carried out according to the individual performance criteria of the element identified by the above named candidate.

Witness Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel number (Home) _____ Mobile No _____ Email _____

Position and awards held _____

Signed (Witness) _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Please send this form direct to the Chairman of Accreditation

Guidance notes below on the primary assessment criteria for speaking and demonstrating

Speaking - Primary assessment criteria

The talk at all levels should be uplifting, inspiring, motivating and based on SNU philosophy. It may contain elements of history, which should not be the biggest part of the address. Personal experiences can be included but only to make a pertinent point.

Demonstrating - Primary assessment criteria

To provide evidence beyond reasonable doubt of one spirit communicator to two recipients by providing a body of information that pertains to the communicator. It should be uplifting or bring comfort to the bereaved. The demonstration should be of a higher standard with each higher level of award.

**ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING
COURSE CHECKLIST
(To be completed by candidate)**

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

I have attended the following courses:

VENUE	TITLE OF COURSE	NAME OF TUTOR	TUTOR'S SIGNATURE

I declare that each of the above statements is true and accurate

Signed _____ Date _____

Print name _____