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Dear Professor Pandey

**CII recognition of prior learning – annual review (2022) BIMTECH Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Insurance Business)**

Thank you for providing the updated qualification material for the 2022 - 2024 cohort of students. I am pleased to confirm that we have completed the review.

There have been some changes to the prior learning award to reflect our current approach to similar qualifications. We now award fewer Certificate-level prior learning credits and more Diploma-level credits. I have summarised the changes below and the new awards in appendix one.

Review outcome

Post-graduate Diploma in Management (Insurance Business) modules (2022 – 2024 cohort)	Maximum CII prior learning award – for applications dated 27 November 2022 until 26 November 2023
Insurance Laws & regulations and Principles of Insurance	An exemption from (W01) Award in General Insurance non-UK (15 Certificate-level credits towards CII insurance qualifications)
4 insurance-related degree modules including either Risk Management and/or Advanced Risk Management	An exemption from (M67) Fundamentals of Risk Management (25 Diploma-level credits towards CII insurance qualifications)
4 insurance-related degree modules	25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits towards CII insurance qualifications to recognise insurance learning content
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The business-related units within the remainder of the qualification	25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits towards CII insurance qualifications to recognise business learning content

The change of approach also impacts the prior learning award we will make for previous cohorts. We will no longer award exemptions from (IF5) Motor insurance products and (IF7) Healthcare insurance products (each awards 15 Certificate-level credits); instead, we will award the additional set of 25 Diploma-level non unit-specific credits. This aligns with our approach for other degrees.

The Diploma-level credits are more useful for completing the CII level 4 Diploma in Insurance and level 6 Advanced Diploma in Insurance. The previous award included 45 Certificate-level credits whereas a maximum 30 may contribute to the level 4 Diploma in Insurance.

The change affects prior learning applications with effect from 27 November 2022. We haven't yet received applications from BIMTECH graduates since this date.



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#### Exemption from (M92) Insurance business and finance – transitional arrangement

The exception to this date is the exemption from CII unit (M92) Insurance business and finance. In my 26 March 2021 letter, I stated that we would award the M92 exemption on a transitional basis to the 2020-2022 cohort who graduated in 2022. To be eligible they must have passed the INS-101 Business Environment and INS-302 Corporate Finance and Insurance accounting exams no later than 30 September 2021. I stated that they must apply by 26 November 2023.

I am pleased to confirm we will continue to award the M92 exemption to this cohort and to previous cohorts who passed these two modules. We will also continue to award the M92 exemption to previous cohorts who passed the previous combination of BIMTECH exams (INS-101 Business Environment and INS-106 Insurance Accounting and Analysis).

As I advised you in my 26 March 2021 letter, CII has changed its approach to awarding core units and, in future, this will impact the exemption from unit (M92) Insurance business and finance. Whereas we previously required the BIMTECH units to be a substantial match to the CII core unit, we now require a full match.

The transitional arrangement for all cohorts will conclude on 26 November 2023. This means there will be a consistent approach to all cohorts from 27 November 2023 onwards.

#### Annual accreditation review

CII's quality assurance process requires us to regularly review the recognition of prior learning awards. This applies to all CII prior learning awards and is necessary in order to ensure that awards remain appropriate as qualification frameworks evolve. The next review is due on 27 November 2023; it will focus on the 2023-25 version of the qualification. We will write to you ahead of this date with further details.

As you are aware, we recently carried out a market consultation on CII qualifications and membership. Feedback from the market included a request to simplify CII qualifications, so there may be some changes to our qualifications in the near future. If these changes are likely to impact on the prior learning award, we will write to you in advance.

Equally, if there are significant changes to BIMTECH qualifications, would you please advise us so that we may determine the appropriate award.

#### Prior learning contract

Many thanks for returning the signed recognition of prior learning agreement. I am pleased to enclose the document signed on behalf of the CII.

#### CII recognition of prior learning mark - terms of use

I have updated the dates (to 26 November 2023) to align with the current accreditation contract. The updated wording appears in appendix.

#### Applications for recognition of prior learning

We would be grateful for your assistance in encouraging BIMTECH graduates to consult the CII website to familiarise themselves with the CII recognition of prior learning scheme and qualifications before making their applications.



They will need to provide their graduation certificate and results transcript to evidence completing the qualification and will need to have them certified as true copies of the originals by a current CII or Personal Finance Society member, solicitor or public notary.

Full details, including the current scheme rules, application process, frequently asked questions, the application form and CII qualifications are accessible at: [www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning](http://www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning) and [www.cii.co.uk/qualifications](http://www.cii.co.uk/qualifications)

A recognition of prior learning fee is usually payable and BIMTECH qualifications attract a discounted recognition of prior learning fee. Where a student of BIMTECH has successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Insurance Business) qualification during the term of our contract (between the 27 November 2014 and 26 November 2023) and applies to the CII for recognition of prior learning during the term of the contract, then the CII will not charge the student a fee for their recognition of prior learning application. This is because BIMTECH pays CII an annual fee.

BIMTECH and its students should note that:

The award of credits in the CII's qualification framework is a privilege and not a right and awards can change over time as qualification frameworks evolve. All recognition of prior learning applicants will need to comply with the CII qualification completion rules to achieve a CII qualification, details of which are available at [www.cii.co.uk/qualifications](http://www.cii.co.uk/qualifications).

Please refer BIMTECH graduates to CII's Customer Service team if they have any queries. The team may also be contacted by email ([customer.serv@cii.co.uk](mailto:customer.serv@cii.co.uk)) or telephone (+44 20 8989 8464).

#### Prior learning guide for awarding bodies and standards

We have added a recognition of prior learning guide for awarding bodies to our website which provides an overview of the scheme from the awarding body perspective and outlines the standards required to maintain CII recognition of prior learning. You can view this at [www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning](http://www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning)

For further information or if students have any questions, please contact CII Customer Service team on +44 (0)20 8989 8464 or [customer.serv@cii.co.uk](mailto:customer.serv@cii.co.uk).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Appendix: CII recognition of prior learning mark licence and terms of use  
Recognition of prior learning agreement signed by both parties



#### Appendix: CII recognition of prior learning mark licence and terms of use

Birla Institute of Management Technology ("the University") may use the CII recognition of prior learning logo ("the CII Recognition of Prior Learning mark") to promote the CII recognition of prior learning for the University's qualifications until the date of 26 November 2023. This is subject to the following terms:

#### CII recognition of prior learning mark licence and terms of use

The CII grants to the University a non-exclusive licence to use the CII Recognition of Prior Learning mark to promote CII recognition of prior learning for the University's Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Insurance Business) in accordance with the rules as set out in this letter. The University shall not amend, alter or otherwise modify the mark as provided by the CII without the CII's express written permission.

If this licence is breached or otherwise not complied with (following a request from the CII to do so) then the CII may terminate this licence immediately and the University shall cease using the CII Recognition of Prior Learning mark accordingly.

#### Recognition of prior learning rules

Full details of the CII prior learning standards are on the CII website [www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning](http://www.ciigroup.org/prior-learning) in the CII recognition of prior learning scheme rules and recognition of prior learning awarding bodies guide. Please note:

1. At its sole discretion the Chartered Insurance Institute reserves the right to make, amend and or withdraw credit awards for prior learning the subject of this application at any time, on due notice as it sees fit and without monetary compensation. Under no circumstances will the Chartered Insurance Institute accept any liability for consequential indirect or special losses or special damages of any kind arising out of or in any way connected with the awarding or withdrawal of credit awards for prior learning.
2. The award of credits for prior learning in the CII's qualification framework is a privilege and not a right and it is expressly agreed that there is no intent to bring legal relations into being or otherwise establish a contractual relationship between the parties except our agreement relating to payment of the fees.