



Northern Ireland Post Qualifying
EDUCATION & TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Guidance for Additional Assessment Routes

APEL PQ 2-4/2-5

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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for assessment by this route, candidates must:

- Be registered with NIPQETP
- Have existing PQ requirements (any configuration)
- Have completed a certificated programme of study at post qualifying level, e.g. Foundation Programme in Family Therapy & Systemic Practice at QUB

Assessment Guidance

Candidates should, in the first instance, verify with the PQ office that the certificated programme of study undertaken is appropriate for use as an APEL submission.

Candidates should submit relevant, but not necessarily all, assessed coursework, assignments, portfolio etc. from their original programme of study.

Candidates will undertake a mapping exercise (of approx 1,000 words), outlining how each PQ requirement they are claiming is met, including the core requirements.

Where the candidate considers that any requirement (including core) is not sufficiently addressed within the submitted course work, the candidate may provide additional written summary to address the shortfall.

Where the coursework submitted is not current, i.e. within the previous 5 years, candidates will need to contextualise and update the application of the evidence within their current practice. This should be supported by a line manager's verification of currency report (see Appendix 1).

Assessment of Candidates

Candidate's work will be assessed as per arrangements for portfolio submissions through the PQ Assessment Panel.

**Line Manager's Verification of Currency Report for
APEL Submissions**

**This form is required by candidates who are presenting work for APEL
from a programme which was achieved more than five years previously**

Candidate's Name: _____

Agency: _____

Line Manager's Name: _____

Line Manager's Position: _____

Identify the level of Award being submitted for: (please tick)

PQ Award _____

Advanced Award _____

Initial programme of study: _____

Date achieved: _____

Requirements being claimed: _____

**Comment on how the candidate's current practice meets the required
level of competence for the Award/Requirements being claimed (see
attached notes on competence levels)**

Comment on how the candidate has sought or been enabled to maintain the currency of the programme previously undertaken

Signed: _____ **(line manager**
_____ **(date)**