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(Title of Item) Inter institutional transfer to a year beyond 1st year

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Action requested For information

Background rationale

Currently the Admissions Office operates an inter-institutional transfer policy whereby students who are currently registered in another third-level institution may apply for admission to a cognate programme to a level beyond first year. We have had enquiries in the past from candidates who want to transfer to UCC, having completed a year or more of higher education elsewhere, but who are not currently registered. Under the current policy we cannot take applications from such candidates. Academic Board, at its meeting on 11 February 2015, were asked to approve the removal of the stipulation that students be registered in another HEI at the time of their application to transfer to UCC. This proposal was endorsed subject to a change in the name of the initiative to *Inter-Institutional and Prior Certified Learning Transfers*.

Alignment to Strategic Objectives/External Policy Driver: This amendment is proposed in the interest of flexibility, fairness and equity of access.

Resource Implications: None

Brief description / summary of the item It is proposed to now change the current inter-institutional transfer policy to an *Inter-Institutional and Prior Certified Learning Transfer Policy* whereby students who are not currently registered in a HEI, but who have completed at least one year of higher education, may apply to transfer into a cognate programme to a year beyond first year.