

RPL

You have the experience – now achieve the qualification

What is Recognition of Prior Learning?

Recognition of Prior Learning - RPL, is an assessment process based on matching the formal and informal learning experiences gained throughout one's life, to the competencies required to gain a qualification. If you wish to apply for RPL you will need to provide evidence which demonstrates how your background, experiences and/or past studies **match what you can already do or what you already know**, against a unit(s) of competency from the program in which you are enrolled. Evidence can include references, diary, work samples, resume, portfolio, video/audio tape, role play etc.

Methods of Assessment

There are two methods to assess RPL - RPL Workplace Assessment and RPL Evidence Assessment. ECTARC Training and Development Officers visit the workplace to observe the applicant on- the-job and assess the comprehensive portfolio of evidence that is required when a RPL Workplace Assessment is conducted. For RPL Evidence Assessment applicants submit their portfolio of evidence for a particular unit for assessment.

RPL Workplace Assessment

is best suited to people who:

- ◆ feel they have the skills to meet all or most of the units of competency from a particular program
- ◆ have more than 5 years full time industry experience
- ◆ have child care specific skills and paid industry employment
- ◆ have attended formal training programs (e.g. professional development workshops)

RPL Evidence Assessment

is best suited to people who:

- ◆ would like to apply for RPL for one or a couple of units of competency
- ◆ have been in the industry for less than 5 years
- ◆ wish to upgrade from the Diploma, Associate Diploma, CCC or CCCS to the Diploma of Children's Services (ECEC)

What is Credit Transfer?

Recognition of Prior Learning is quite different from **Credit Transfer**. Credit transfer is a process where credit is automatically granted by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to clients who have documented evidence of achievement (e.g. a Statement of Attainment/Certificate) in the relevant competency or qualification from another RTO.

Contact ECTARC for the RPL Information Guide or talk to an ECTARC Training and Development Officer who can explain the process further and guide you towards the best assessment options to meet your needs.

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