

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING & CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Under the National VET regular standards, students in courses/training programs will be provided with the opportunity to have relevant prior or current skills and knowledge (formally and informally acquired) recognised.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is the recognition of skills and achieved competencies that have been developed and obtained through informal means, eg. non accredited training, position responsibilities, life experiences and/or formal means such as accredited training.

AVTES has guidelines and procedures that outline and detail the requirements relating to the implementation of RPL.

It is accepted that an individual develops a variety of skills and competencies throughout their everyday working life. We recognise and give credit for the achievement of such skills. The main benefit of RPL is that it reduces the study time required to achieve a qualification and students are formally recognised for the skills they already possess.

Students seeking RPL are required to undergo and complete the relevant application process. This includes the use of an RPL Application Kit.

Students eligible for RPL are enrolled in relevant subjects and are required to produce evidence to support their competence. If sufficient evidence is gathered and the competence is formerly recognised, students are granted RPL.

To grant RPL in any given unit, competence must be established in the correct context. If sufficient context is not established, it may be necessary for the student to undertake the unit in some form. Once granted, RPL is processed and appears as RPL on student transcripts.

Credit Transfers

Recognition of formal training a student has undertaken at another training organisation is referred to as either a Credit Transfer or Exemption. A Credit Transfer or Exemption is where a student is given recognition for already completing a given unit or its equivalent with a recognised Training Provider. AVTES will recognize any AQF Qualification or Statement of Attainment issued by any recognised Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Where previous qualifications or statements of attainment are older than the current training package a mapping of the old unit code/s against the new code/s is required to demonstrate the older unit code/s are equivalent as noted. Mapping guides found in the relevant Training Package provide advice on unit/s equivalency. A mapping document recording the unit/s is required to support the Credit Transfer application. If you are unsure whether a unit is a Credit Transfer/Exemption please liaise with management.

Once approved, Credit Transfers/Exemptions are processed and appear on a student's Confirmation Report sheet with an outcome recorded as "CT". For a student to receive a Credit Transfer/Exemption they must have supporting evidence, ie. a copy of a result which illustrates successful attainment for the unit that they wish to claim as a credit. Past work experience in the relevant industry area is not sufficient for applying for Credit Transfer.