

RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) FAQ

Q. Am I suitable for RPL?

A. We have designed an initial assessment for the Level 2 and combined Level 1 and 2 programme, which will allow the tutor to make a decision on your suitability to complete a qualification or certificate via the RPL method.

Q. What is RPL?

A. RPL is a route you can take to gain a qualification or certificate if you already possess the skills and knowledge. The RPL route assumes you do not require any tutor support, mentoring, delivery or learning resources. It requires you to provide relevant and sufficient evidence against the criteria laid out in the programme specifications.

Q. If I am suitable for RPL, does this mean I will definitely get qualified?

A. No, there may be evidence you have uploaded which does not meet the learning outcome/s. You will have two opportunities to upload all your evidence for assessment encase amendments are needed. If you still do not meet the assessment criteria you will be directed to another learning programme.

Q. How do I complete RPL?

A. The RPL route requires learners to provide evidence which meets all the learning outcomes of the chosen programme. It is your responsibility to send evidence to your tutor in a timely manner. You will not receive feedback until you have sent all the necessary evidence, or the deadline date is reached.

Q. Do I need to have all the evidence ready?

A. Yes. We assume and expect that those who come through the RPL route are experienced Teachers/Coaches and therefore have the majority of evidence readily available. Those who decide to join RPL are usually granted a period of 4 weeks to gather their evidence and submit it for assessment.

Q. Will the assessor map my evidence to the learning outcomes?

A. No, it is your responsibility to tell the assessor which learning outcomes you would like them to consider when looking at the evidence you have uploaded. If this is not done accurately then you will be assessed as not yet competent.

Q. Is RPL a quick and easy route to obtaining a qualification or certificate?

A. No. RPL is an alternative way to gain a qualification or certificate. It can prove to be quite time consuming as those going through the process are required to familiarise themselves with the learning outcomes and then map the evidence against it.

Q. Can I submit evidence after the closing date?

A. No. Similar to a course, those going through RPL must adhere to the timescales advertised.

Q. Will I receive feedback straight away?

A. No. You will be provided with specific dates for your RPL including when you can submit evidence, when you will be provided with feedback, when you can make amends/additions and when the final closing date will be.

Q. Will I receive ongoing feedback?

A. No. You will receive feedback once all evidence has been uploaded initially.

Q. What happens if I don't successfully complete the RPL?

A. You will be provided with some options, namely: attending a tutor led course, possible extension at an additional cost, removal from the RPL programme.

Q. Are there any circumstances where I could be entitled to a refund?

A. Unfortunately, due to the administrative process, awarding organisation fees paid up front and allocation of assessor time, a refund will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, for example illness (for which a doctor's note will be requested).