

Provide Credit for Prior Studies

Purpose

One important feature of the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 is the recognition of qualifications issued by other Registered Training Organisations (RTO) including Statements of Attainment.

Policy

Learners must not be required to repeat any unit or module in which they have already been assessed as competent, unless a regulatory requirement or license condition (including industry licensing schemes) requires this. Where a learner provides suitable evidence that they have successfully completed a unit or module at any RTO, the RTO must provide credit for that unit or module. In some cases, licensing or regulatory requirements may prevent a unit or module being awarded through a credit process. e.g., CPR and First Aid.

Credit must be granted not only for studies completed at an RTO, but at any authorised issuing organisation, such as a university. In such cases, an analysis as to the equivalence of the study completed with the relevant unit/s or module/s would need to be completed before any credit could be granted.

The RTO is not obliged to issue a qualification or statement of attainment that is achieved wholly through recognition of units and/or modules completed at another RTO or RTOs.

Before providing credit on the basis of a qualification, statement of attainment or record of results, you should authenticate the information in the document (e.g. by contacting the organisation that issued the document and confirming the content is valid).

Note that providing credit for previous studies is not a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process. RPL is a form of assessment of the competence of a person, while providing credit is recognising the equivalence of studies previously undertaken and completed successfully.

Procedure

If an applicant wishes to apply for recognition for the qualification that they have received from another RTO, they must present the original for sighting or provide a certified copy of the certificate with their enrolment.

The RTO must then verify the certificate to ensure its legitimacy and currency. The RTO will write on the copy of the certificate the date and person they spoke to when verifying the qualification. The outcome of the application will then be communicated to the applicant.