



RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING AND CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY

PREAMBLE

The College recognises that students may come to it with knowledge, skills and abilities from formal education or work/life experiences. The College offers students the opportunity to apply that education or experience to the course they wish to undertake. This policy guides the College in determining how prior learning and credit transfers are to be assessed, granted and applied.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

“**AQF**” means the Australian Qualifications Framework.

“**APC**” means Australian Pacific College.

“**CoE**” means confirmation of enrolment.

“**College**” means Australian Pacific College and APC Design School.

“**Course Credit Record**” means the digital record of course credit maintained by the College on the student’s digital file on the student management system.

“**Credit Transfer**” means the recognition and application of course credit to students for units of competency that are evidenced by AQF certification documentation issued by any other RTO or AQF authorised issuing organisation or authenticated VET transcripts issued by the Registrar.

“**National Code**” means the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018.

“**Overseas Student**” means a person (whether within or outside Australia) who holds a student visa as defined by the ESOS Act.

“**PRISMS**” means the Provider Registration and International Student Management System.

“**Registrar**” means the Student Identifiers Registrar as defined in the Student Identifiers Act 2014 (Cth).

“**RPL**” means the recognition of prior learning.

“**RTO**” means a Registered Training Organisation.

“**SRTO**” means the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015.

“**VET**” means Vocational Education and Training.



1. RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

- 1.1 RPL is the recognition of existing skills and knowledge, attained from previous study at non-vocational institutions or from work and life experiences, against those skills and knowledge identified in the elements of the unit or module they wish to study at the College.
- 1.2 All RPL must be claimed via the submission of the RPL form found on the College's websites. It is the student's responsibility to complete the RPL form completely and include all relevant evidence (certified if necessary).

2. CREDIT TRANSFER

- 2.1 Credit Transfer is the recognition of VET study which has been conducted in Australia. Students who have previously studied and successfully completed one or more subjects containing the same competencies as those offered by the College can apply for a Credit Transfer.
- 2.2 The College recognises and accepts AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other VET training institutions, AQF authorised issuing organisation and authenticated VET transcripts issued by the Registrar but evidence must be provided to receive a Credit Transfer. The College accepts qualifications from other RTOs.
- 2.3 Credit Transfer assesses the course or subject that the student has completed against the required learning outcomes, competency outcomes, or standards in the College's course or subject they intend to study.
- 2.4 To apply for Credit Transfer students will need to submit certified copies of their transcripts prior to starting with the College (refer to paragraph 3.3 below) with the Credit Transfer form found on the College's websites.
- 2.5 If the student is not eligible for Credit Transfer they may be considered for RPL (refer to paragraph 1).

3. CONDITIONS FOR RPL/CREDIT TRANSFER

- 3.1 All supporting documents supplied must be true and correct (and translations provided where applicable).
- 3.2 It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all necessary documentation is provided for assessment.
- 3.3 All RPL/Credit Transfer applications and enquiries are submitted to the College.
- 3.4 RPL/Credit Transfer applications must be received with the course application or at least 6 weeks prior to course commencement, whichever is sooner.



- 3.5 RPL /Credit Transfer Fees are published on the College's websites.
- 3.6 If the College requires additional information from the student about their RPL/Credit Transfer application, that information must be returned to the College within 7 days of the student receiving the College's request.
- 3.7 Students will be notified in writing of an RPL assessment outcome within 21 days of receipt of the application. If the College grants RPL or Course Credit the notice to the student must be signed and returned to the College.
- 3.8 Where a RPL/Credit Transfer is granted, the student's course duration will be reduced.
- 3.9 If the registered provider grants an Overseas Student RPL or course credit that reduces the Overseas Student's course length, the provider must inform the Overseas Student of the reduced course duration following granting of RPL and ensure the CoE is issued only for the reduced duration of the course.
- 3.10 In the event a request for a RPL/Credit Transfer is submitted after the Overseas Student is granted a CoE by the College, and after the Overseas Student's visa is granted, and the College approves the RPL/Credit Transfer, the Overseas Student's course duration on their CoE needs to be adjusted to reflect any reduction in the period of study. A CoE fee will apply and any changes made to the course duration needs to be reported in PRISMS.
- 3.11 The acceptance of a RPL/Credit Transfer application received after the Overseas Student is granted a COE by the College is entirely at the College's discretion.
- 3.12 The College reserves the right to refuse any RPL application prior to course commencement that does not satisfy the requirements of the SRTO or National Code.
- 3.13 The RPL and/or Course Credit Records and the signed acceptance will be filed in the student management system documents and held for two (2) years after the student ceases to be an accepted student of the College.
- 3.14 The student is responsible for paying all postage and handling as necessary.
- 3.15 RPL and Credit Transfer assessments and decisions made by the College are final.
- 3.16 The decision to assess prior learning or grant course credit must preserve the integrity of the award to which it applies and comply with requirements of the underpinning educational framework of the course.



POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three year policy review cycle or as required by regulatory changes.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

This document references the following legislation and regulations:

RELEVANT LEGISLATION/CODES/STANDARDS	
Commonwealth	National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015

RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This document references the following College policies, precedents and/or procedures:

RELATED POLICIES, PRECEDENTS AND PROCEDURES	
Precedents	RPL forms Credit Transfer forms

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RPL and Credit Transfer Policy v 2.3R	January 2018	Sara Gaudry	Update in accordance with the National Code 2018
RPL and Credit Transfer Policy v2.4R(APC/APC Design School)	Feb 2021	Sara Gaudry Sharon Luhr Pam Segal Ron Newman	Removal of APTT inclusion of APC Design School and general review only minor changes.



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