

# VET Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer Assessment Procedure

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## Purpose

This procedure describes the process for managing all VET Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer applications.

This procedure will ensure compliance with the [VET Assessment Procedure](#), National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025 and the Australian Qualifications Framework AQF.

## Scope

This procedure is to be applied to all VET qualifications offered by the University, irrespective of delivery mode or location. This includes programs delivered by partner providers on behalf of the University.

This procedure applies to all students:

- enrolled in courses (including government funded, fee for service, international, and third-party provider delivery) leading to a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification or statement of attainment; and
- who seek recognition for skills and knowledge previously gained through experience in the workplace, volunteer work, social or domestic duties or through formal and informal studies.
- For RPL, there must be no training provided as part of the RPL assessment.

RPL is an assessment process and must adhere to the requirements of VET assessment: refer to the [VET Assessment Procedure](#).

## Assessor Qualification and Competence

Source: Credential Policy Standards for Registered Training Organisations and National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025.

Assessment is only conducted by persons who meet the following requirements:

1. Hold TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or its successor, TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment **or**
2. TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment plus the following units:
  - TAELLN411 (or its successor) or TAELLN401A, and
  - TAEASS502 (or its successor) or TAEASS502A or TAEASS502B **or**
3. A diploma or higher level qualification in adult education.
4. A secondary teaching qualification and one of the following credentials:
  - TAESS00011 Assessor Skill Set, or
  - TAESS00019 Assessor Skill Set or its successor, or
  - TAESS00024 VET Delivered to School Students Teacher Enhancement Skill Set or its successor.
5. Hold relevant vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered or assessed.
6. Meet any specific Training Package / licensing requirements.
7. Demonstrate current industry skills directly relevant to the training / assessment being provided.
8. Through professional development activities, continuously develop and improve their:
  - Vocational Education and Training (VET) knowledge and skills that informs their training and assessment
  - Vocational knowledge and skills relating to their relevant industry, and
  - Trainer/Assessor knowledge and skills
9. Victorian Institute of Teaching VIT Registration – for staff delivering VCE Vocational Major Strand Units.
10. Hold a current WWCC; and
11. Staff delivering any qualification from the TAE training package or its successor must hold:
  - TAE5011 – Diploma of Vocational Education and Training or its successor; or
  - TAE50211 – Diploma of Training Design and Development or its successor; or
  - A higher-level qualification in adult education.

## Definitions

These definitions apply specifically to VET assessments. They meet the requirements of the National Vocational Education and Training Act 2011, Credential Policy Standards for Registered Training Organisations National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025 and/or the VRQA Guidelines for VET Providers.

Term	Definition
<b>Academic misconduct</b>	Conduct that conflicts with the principles of academic honesty and academic integrity and leads to an unfair advantage. Types of academic misconduct include: plagiarism, contract cheating, examination cheating, duplicate submission, fabrication, impersonation, academic fraud, solicitation and promoting the breach of academic, collusion and non-compliance with examination instructions/requirements. Refer: <a href="#">Student Misconduct Procedure</a>
<b>Applicant</b>	in this instance, is a person applying to undertake a recognition process to achieve a qualification or unit/s of competence by accessing the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Process with the intent of being granted AQF certified documentation.
<b>AQF</b>	Australian Qualifications Framework.
<b>AQF qualification</b>	An Australian Qualifications Framework qualification type endorsed in a training package or accredited in a VET accredited course.
<b>Assessment</b>	Assessment means the process of collecting evidence and making judgements on whether competency has been achieved, to confirm that an individual can perform to the standard expected in the workplace, as specified in a Training Package or VET accredited program and is conducted in accordance with the principles of assessment and the rules of evidence.
<b>Assessment system</b>	A coordinated set of documented policies, procedures and assessment tools designed to ensure that assessment, including recognition of prior learning, produces consistent and valid judgements of VET student competency and meets the requirements of this instrument.
<b>Assessment requirements</b>	The endorsed components of a Training Package underpins assessment and sets out the industry's approach to valid, reliable, flexible and fair assessment.
<b>Assessment tools</b>	The instrument, instructions and methods used to gather and interpret assessment evidence for the purposes of determining VET student competency, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the context and conditions of assessment.</li> <li>b. the tasks to be administered to the VET student.</li> <li>c. an outline of the assessment evidence to be gathered from the VET student.</li> <li>d. the criteria used to judge VET student competency; and</li> <li>e. the administration, recording and reporting requirements for assessments and assessment evidence.</li> </ul>

<b>Assessment Appeals</b>	<p>Refer to the process whereby a student may appeal within 10 working days of official publication of the final grade on any of the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The unit outline was not explicit i.e. did not detail how many assessment tasks were required to be undertaken, how students will be assessed, and/or when they will be assessed.</li> <li>• The assessor did not fairly and appropriately apply the assessment criteria as specified in the unit outline.</li> <li>• The assessor did not conduct assessment tasks as described in the unit outline. Further information refer to Statute 5.3.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessor</b>	A person who determines a VET student's competency for, or on behalf of, an NVR registered training organisation.
<b>Authenticated Vet Transcript</b>	has the same meaning as in the <i>Student Identifiers Act 2014</i> .
<b>Cheating</b>	<p>Cheating is the intention to gain an unfair advantage in the assessment of a unit. This may include (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fabrication of data and/or results</li> <li>• colluding with others</li> <li>• allowing another person to complete an assessment on behalf of a student</li> <li>• accessing an advanced copy of a test paper</li> <li>• copying from others in an assessment</li> <li>• bringing into an assessment unauthorised material or information</li> <li>• knowingly helping others to cheat</li> <li>• taking actions which intrude on the ability of others to complete their assessment tasks.</li> </ul>
<b>Competency</b>	Competency means the consistent application of knowledge and skill to the standard of performance required in the workplace. It embodies the ability to transfer and apply skills and knowledge to new situations and environments.
<b>Competency Based Completion (CBC)</b>	Competency Based Completion means the Apprentices are no longer locked into fixed time periods and can complete the apprenticeship at their own rate. The apprentice is completed when the RTO gets employer confirmation of competence in all areas required under the qualification. In some industries, wages are affected at progression points.
<b>Completed student assessment items</b>	Completed student assessment items are the actual piece(s) of work completed by a student or evidence of that work, including evidence collected for an RPL process. An assessor's completed marking guide, criteria, and observation checklist for each student may be sufficient where it is not possible to retain the student's actual work. However, the retained evidence must have enough detail to demonstrate the assessor's judgement of the student's performance against the standard required.
<b>Credential Policy</b>	The document titled "Credential Policy", listed on the National Register, as in force from time to time.

	Note: Section 191A of the Act permits this instrument to make provision in relation to a matter by applying, adopting or incorporating any matter contained in another instrument or other writing as in force or existing from time to time.
<b>Credit transfer</b>	The process of recognising and awarding credit for prior successful completion of an equivalent unit of competency or module.
<b>Current Industry Skills</b>	<p>The knowledge, skills and experience required by VET trainers and assessors and those who provide training and assessment under supervision in accordance with national Standards for RTOs to ensure that their training and assessment is based on current industry practices and meets the needs of industry.</p> <p>Current industry skills may be informed by consultation with industry and may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• having knowledge of and/or experience using the latest techniques and processes</li> <li>• possessing a high level of product knowledge</li> <li>• understanding and knowledge of legislation relevant to the industry and to employment and workplaces</li> <li>• being customer/client orientated</li> <li>• possessing formal industry and training qualifications, and</li> <li>• training content that reflects current industry practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Industry engagement</b>	<p>Industry engagement may include, but is not limited to, strategies such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• partnering with local employers, regional/national businesses, relevant industry bodies and/or enterprise RTOs</li> <li>• involving employer nominees in industry advisory committees and/or reference groups</li> <li>• embedding staff within enterprises</li> <li>• networking in an ongoing way with industry networks, peak bodies and/or employers</li> <li>• developing networks of relevant employers and industry representatives to participate in assessment validation, and</li> <li>• exchanging knowledge, staff and/or resources with employers, networks and industry bodies.</li> </ul>
<b>Learner</b>	Learner means a person being trained and/or assessed by the RTO for the purpose of issuing AQF certification documentation.
<b>Licensed or regulated outcome</b>	Licensed or regulated outcome means compliance with an eligibility requirement for an occupational license or legislative requirement to hold a particular training product in order to carry out an activity.
<b>Moderation of assessment</b>	Moderation of assessment is the process of bringing assessment judgements and standards into alignment. it is a process that ensures the same standards are applied to all learner assessment results within the same units.
<b>Official Publication of Results</b>	Official Publication of Results refers to when a student's ratified results are entered into the Student Management System and published.

<b>Professional Development</b>	Professional development means activities that develop and/or maintain an individual's skills, knowledge, expertise and other characteristics as a trainer or assessor. This includes both formal and informal activities that encompass vocational competencies, currency of industry skills and knowledge and practice of vocational training, learning and assessment, including competency-based training and assessment.
<b>Program</b>	Program is a series of courses (units of competency) of vocational education and training, or the modules of a VET accredited course / program that combine to become a qualification from an accredited Training Package or skill set.
<b>Recognition of prior learning (RPL)</b>	An assessment process that involves assessment of an individual's relevant prior learning and experience (including skills and knowledge obtained through formal and informal learning) to determine the extent to which the individual meets requirements specified in the training product.
<b>Skill Set</b>	A single unit of competency or a combination of units of competency from a Training Package that links to a licensing or regulatory requirement or a defined industry need.
<b>Statement of attainment</b>	A statement of attainment recognises that one or more accredited units have been achieved.
<b>Third Party (Subcontracting)</b>	Any person who has an arrangement with an NVR registered training organisation to deliver services, but does not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. employees of the organisation.</li> <li>b. experts engaged by the organisation; or</li> <li>c. government agencies and government funded agencies that refer VET students to the organisation and do not receive any payment from the organisation for doing so.</li> </ul>
<b>Training Package</b>	Training Package refers to a set of qualifications for a defined industry, occupational area or enterprise endorsed by the Industry and Industry Skills Council or its delegate in accordance with the Standards for Training Packages. The endorsed components of a Training Package are units of competency; assessment requirements (associated with each unit of competency); qualifications; and credit arrangements.
<b>Unit of competency</b>	Unit of Competency is the unit of learning in a VET qualification including assessment requirements and the specification of the standards or performance required in the workplace as defined in a Training Package.
<b>VET accredited course</b>	VET accredited course means a course accredited by the VET regulator in accordance with the Standards of VET Accredited Courses.
<b>Vocational Competencies</b>	Vocational competencies as applied to trainers means broad industry knowledge and experience usually combined with a relevant industry qualification. Vocational Competency is determined on an industry-by-industry basis and with reference to the relevant Training Package or VET accredited program.

## Assessment Principles

Assessment Principles as defined in Standards RTOs 2025	
Principle	Definition
Fairness	Assessment accommodates the needs of the VET student, including implementing reasonable adjustments where appropriate and enabling reassessment where necessary.
Flexibility	Assessment is appropriate to the context, training product and VET student, and assesses the VET student's skills and knowledge that are relevant to the training product, regardless of how or where the VET student has acquired those skills or that knowledge.
Validity	Assessment includes practical application components that enable the VET student to demonstrate the relevant skills and knowledge in a practical setting.
Reliability	Assessment evidence is interpreted consistently by assessors, and the outcomes of assessment are comparable irrespective of which assessor is conducting the assessment.
Rules of Evidence	
Validity	Assessment evidence is adequate, such that the assessor can be reasonably assured that the VET student possesses the skills and knowledge described in the training product.
Sufficiency	The quality, quantity and relevance of the assessment evidence enable the assessor to make an informed judgement of the VET student's competency in the skills and knowledge described in the training product.
Authenticity	The assessor is assured that a VET student's assessment evidence is the original and genuine work of that VET student.
Currency	The assessment evidence presented to the assessor documents demonstrates the VET student's current skills and knowledge.

## RPL Actions

The Program Manager / Coordinator in consultation with the Finance department will determine the RPL fees for the program as part of the Course Planning and Budgetary process. Refer to the University's Tuition Fees and Charges website.

**RPL Actions Timeframe** - There are five stages to complete the RPL Process. A reasonable assessment timeframe to complete all five stages is no longer than five weeks.

- Stage 1 - Pre-Enrolment (Contact and Initial Discussion) - one week
- Stage 2 - Enrolment - one day
- Stage 3 - Plan and gather evidence - maximum period of 6 months as agreed in consultation with applicant
- Stage 4 - Review and Determine Competency - maximum of one month after submission.
- Stage 5 - Record and Report - maximum one week after determination.

### Stage 1 - Pre-Enrolment (Contact and Discussion)

Stage 1: Pre-Enrolment (Contact and Initial Discussion)			
	Steps	Responsibility	Comments
1.1	Online Applicants		<p>When an online applicant identifies that they may be eligible for RPL, the system will divert the application to the University Customer Relationships Management system CRM for actioning.</p> <p>The CRM team will flag the application to the relevant Education Area for actioning.</p>
1.2	Provide RPL information to prospective students.	TAFE Department Program Manager or delegate	<p>Refer to the <b>VET RPL Assessment Tool Kit</b> and:</p> <p>Provide the applicant with the RPL Information Brochure 2026 Vocational Education and Training (VET) and request they complete the Pre Information Screening Form.</p> <p>Book an appropriate time to have an initial discussion with the applicant to determine capacity to undertake RPL and enrolment</p> <p>Part A: RPL Information Brochure 2026 Vocational Education and Training (VET)</p>
1.3	Undertake initial discussion between Assessor and Applicant on the RPL process.	Assessor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the applicants completed pre-information screening form.</li> <li>2. Discuss the RPL Process with the candidate using the student guide and Student evidence guide to determine the applicant's capacity to provide sufficient evidence to support RPL.</li> <li>3. Provide information on impact on course duration for international students studying onshore. (Refer to <i>ESOS Compliance Framework Manual</i>).</li> </ol>
1.4	Determine and confirm preferred pathway with applicant from	Assessor and Applicant	Based on the initial discussion, the applicant is advised to either

	information provided during initial discussion		<p>proceed with the RPL application or offered an alternative pathway such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for RPL against a lower AQF level qualification</li> <li>• Apply for RPL for some units and enrol in learning and assessment for others to complete a qualification</li> <li>• Enrolling in the full qualification</li> <li>• Enrol in a pathway qualification/units that will meet the applicants needs.</li> </ul> <p>Allow the applicant time to consider if they wish to undertake the RPL process and come to an agreement on a time frame should they wish to enrol.</p>
1.5	Prepare RPL Assessment Tool	Assessor	<p>Download and use the RPL Assessment Tool that has been developed for the nominated qualification/units.</p> <p>These must be customised as appropriate for each student e.g., choice of elective units and removing units they are not applying for.</p> <p>Evidence of student participation, at unit level, must be maintained.</p>

## Stage 2 - Enrolment

Stage 2: Enrolment			
	Steps	Responsibility	Comments
2.1	Federation University staff enrolments	Director, Skills and Education Delivery/RPL Assessor	<p>Federation University staff may access programs of study including government funded places in the same way as other students provided they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federation staff cannot enrol in a program or subject within their own Department of employment. It is recommended</li> </ul>

			<p>they enrol with an external provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federation staff cannot enrol in a program or subject within Federation TAFE if they have access to assessment tools.</li> <li>• Federation staff RPL applications must be conducted in accordance with the Federation Staff RPL Guidelines.</li> </ul>
2.2	Enrol into qualification indicating units for which RPL is being applied.	Program Manager/Assessor in conjunction with the student/CRM team	<p><b>Confirm students understanding that RPL entails no training and is an assessment process only.</b></p> <p>Confirm students understanding that the Assessor will be available for support to provide clarity on evidence requirements and submission of assessments.</p> <p><b>For Online applicants</b> - Once the applicant has confirmed they wish to proceed with RPL. The Assessor will advise the student that their online application will be processed.</p> <p>The Assessor must refer the application back to the CRM team confirming the RPL application approval for processing.</p> <p><b>For paper based applicants</b> - Qualification/units enrolled in as advised by the Assessor.</p> <p>RPL applications can only be accepted from students who are enrolled in the units for which they are seeking RPL.</p>
2.3	Provide qualification/unit specific RPL Evidence Kit.	Program Manager/Assessor	<p>Provide student with <i>Part B, Student RPL Evidence Kit</i> and provide the following advice/support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask student to identify and confirm referees/third party reports.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide student advice for support touch points where required.</li> <li>• Discuss and confirm evidence requirements to ensure the applicants understanding.</li> <li>• Provide clear advice regarding timelines for submissions.</li> <li>• Organise and/or identify where 'Challenge Tests' or on-site visits will be required with the applicant.</li> </ul>
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### Stage 3 - Plan and Gather Evidence

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	Steps	Responsibility	Comments
3.1	Portfolio of evidence collated	Student/Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student to commence gathering evidence as identified in the guide as to the type of evidence required outlined in the Part B, Student RPL Evidence Kit.</li> <li>• Assessor to contact student at agreed touch points to ensure the student is making progress.</li> </ul>
3.2	Referees/third party contacts briefed and provided with report for completion.	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessor to confirm third-party/referees capacity to provide valid and authentic third-party reports.</li> <li>• Assessor to authenticate and confirm all third-party verifications with their signature and date of verification.</li> </ul>
3.3	Plan the time, place and resources for the student to demonstrate practical task/s (if required)	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact student to confirm time and place for the demonstration of practical tasks.</li> </ul>
3.4	Conduct observation of practical tasks (if required).	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document observation of Practical task/s using the - Assessor observation checklist template in <i>Part B, Student RPL Evidence Kit</i>,</li> </ul>
3.5	Review the student's evidence:	Assessor	Assessor to evaluate sufficient evidence provided by the student as outlined in the Part B, Student

			<p>RPL Evidence Kit which may include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio of evidence</li> <li>• Documented observations of candidates demonstration of workplace tasks</li> <li>• Authenticated Third party reports</li> <li>• Responses to knowledge questions</li> <li>• Any other evidence submitted to meet requirements.</li> </ul>
3.6	Conduct Final Interview	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessor is to review and confirm sufficient evidence has been provided as mapped and recorded in the Students RPL Evidence kit.</li> <li>• Assessor is to identify questions to ask applicant to complete and/or provide further evidence to support any gaps in evidence such as required skills and knowledge including identifying specifically where additional evidence may need to be provided.</li> </ul> <p>Schedule and conduct a final interview with the Applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask and record responses to identified questions that support RPL application.</li> <li>• Identify and confirm with the applicant if any further evidence needs to be submitted to complete the process.</li> <li>• Advise the applicant of expected timeframe for the assessment to be completed.</li> </ul>

## Stage 4 - Review and Determine Competency

Stage 4: Review and Determine Competency			
	Steps	Responsibility	Comments
4.1	Assessment of all RPL requirements mapped against the unit/s of competency. Assessment	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence provided by the candidate is reviewed and assessed.</li> </ul>

	decision made competent/not yet competent.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Assessor will determine if the evidence provided meets the evidence requirements as outlined in the RPL Evidence Mapping and Recording Matrix of the RPL Assessment Tool kit - Part C Section 2.</li> <li>The Assessor will make a decision of competency and document accordingly.</li> </ul>
4.2	Federation staff completed applications to be reviewed for transparency	Director, Skills and Education Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal staff wishing to undertake RPL must be advised that an Independent Validation of the RPL outcome will be conducted by the Director, Skills and Education Delivery (or nominees). The Associate Director from the relevant Centre, a TAFE Program Manager and TAFE teacher approved to assess RPL.</li> <li>Prior to enrolling internal RPL applicants, assessors must complete the Intent to undertake Internal RPL form which must have approval from the Director, Skills and Education Delivery. The Assessor will forward the completed application and RPL decision to the Director, Skills and Education Delivery or nominee for final review and approval to assure authenticity and transparency of any internal RPL application.</li> <li>The Director or nominee will confirm/deny the rigor and completeness of the application and forward the result to the relevant Program Manager.</li> <li>The Program Manager will provide the Assessor with the outcome of the Internal review and advise to record and report accordingly as directed by the Federation Staff RPL Guidelines.</li> </ul>

## Stage 5 - Record and Report

<b>Stage 5: Record and Report</b>			
	<b>Steps</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Comments</b>
5.1	<p>Provide feedback to student on RPL assessment outcome.</p> <p>For RPL, obtain signed acknowledgement from international students studying onshore and forward to Global and Engagement.</p>	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide the candidate with specific feedback in relation to the evidence that has been presented.</li> <li>• Advise the candidate of the assessment outcome and which Award they will be receiving such as a full Qualification or a Statement of Attainment.</li> <li>• Advise students that their result will not be official until it has been entered into My Student Centre and that they will receive email advice when this has been actioned.</li> <li>• Identify where applicable - students that may wish to enrol in further studies should they wish to complete any units in which they were not granted RPL and provide advice on how to do so.</li> <li>• Complete all RPL assessment documentation with required signatures and dates to finalise the RPL Application.</li> </ul> <p><b>International on-shore students only:</b> RPL may impact on the student's visa status which they must acknowledge, in writing. A copy of this acknowledgement and advice on change of course duration must be forwarded to the Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation for further action.</p> <p><b>International off-shore students only:</b> If RPL is being offered without the option of gap training this must be clearly stated in the student information.</p>
5.2	Record RPL result directly on Campus Solutions for ratification with all student results.	Assessor	<p>Refer to <a href="#">VET Assessment Procedure</a>.</p> <p>RPL can either be <b>Granted</b> or <b>Not Granted</b> for a unit.</p>

			<p><b>RPL</b></p> <p><b>RPL Granted:</b></p> <p>Internal administration code: <b>EX</b>   Statement of Results code: <b>CY</b></p> <p><b>RPL Not Granted:</b></p> <p>Internal administration code: <b>NG</b>   Statement of Results code: <b>NG</b></p> <p><b>The following result should be entered if RPL documentation has not been submitted by a student:</b></p> <p>For a unit where a student has applied for RPL but has not submitted any of the required documentation/evidence for assessment, a <b>WN</b> result should be entered against that unit. An <b>NG</b> result should not be entered.</p>
5.3	Notify the student of the live RPL result	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assessor will officially notify the student of the RPL result by email or mail, as soon as the result is assessed and has been published in My Student Centre.</li> <li>The student can then log onto My Student Centre to view their results and/or follow University Appeals Procedure.</li> </ul>
5.4	Retain supporting documents / student evidence.	Assessor	Retain completed student assessment evidence. Retain master copies of RPL Assessment Tools.
5.5	RPL not granted – appeal assessment decision	Student	<p>Where students disagree with the assessment outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may submit a written appeal within 10 days of official publication.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Student Appeal Procedure</a></p>
5.6	Re-enrol, if required.	Student	<p>If RPL is not granted, students may choose to enrol in units they were not granted RPL.</p> <p>Additional fees and charges will apply.</p>

## Credit Transfer Actions

	Steps	Who is responsible	Comments
	<b>Credit Transfer query for a full AQF qualification</b>	Program Manager	The University reserves the right to ensure that Federation University Australia AQF certification is only granted to a learner whom it has assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product as specified in the relevant training package or VET accredited course. Therefore, a student seeking credit transfers for all units of competency to gain a Federation University Australia certified qualification, with units completed at another RTO, will be required to enrol and complete at least one unit of competency as a student of Federation University Australia, before a full qualification will be granted. Current enrolled students of Federation University, in a qualification transition arrangement will be exempt.
1.	Determine Credit Transfer fees	Director, Skills and Education Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fees are applied to Credit Transfers</li> <li><a href="#">Other fees</a></li> </ul>
2.	Provide Credit Transfer information to prospective students	Program Staff / Program Manager	<p>Credit Transfer information must be included in marketing materials e.g. Course Finder, websites, brochures, student diaries.</p> <p><b>International on shore students:</b> Granting of a Credit Transfer must be consistent with the requirements of the ESOS Act.</p>
3.	Determine Credit Transfer status and advise all staff who enrol students	Program Manager	To confirm status refer to mapping document in Training Package, curriculum or purchasing guides.
4.	Review copy and file certified copies of Credit Transfer evidence in the Student File	Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student must provide an original or certified copy of their Statement of Results as evidence.</li> <li>The student will be asked to either provide access to view their USI information to authenticate their documents or</li> </ul>

			sign an agreement that allows the assessor to contact the issuing RTO to authenticate their documents.
5.	Grant Credit Transfer and seek acknowledgement from student (where required)	Assessor	<b>International on shore students only:</b>  A granted Credit Transfer may impact on the student's visa status which they must acknowledge in writing. A copy of this acknowledgement and advice on change of course duration (total number of weeks) must be forwarded to ISP for further action.
6.	Select Credit Transfer on the Unit Selection enrolment choice on Campus Solutions	Assessor	Enrol student in all units of the course and calculate enrolment fees. Print Unit Selection, signed by assessor and student and keep a copy in student file.
7.	Process enrolment and Credit Transfer	Student Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTO information will be checked against a register held by Student Admin detailing RTO's with rescinded accreditation by ASQA.</li> <li>• Process enrolment and Credit Transfer.</li> </ul>
8.	Enter results onto Campus Solutions and organise official publication of results	Student Administration	<b>Credit Transfer Granted.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal administration code: <b>TR</b></li> <li>• Statement of results code: <b>CR</b></li> </ul>
9.	Appeal assessment decision	Student	A student may submit a written appeal within 10 days of publication of final results.  <a href="#">Student Appeal Procedure</a>

## RCC Actions

**Recognition of Current Competency (RCC)** applies to Fee-For-Service enrolments only, and only applies if a learner has successfully completed the requirements previously for a unit of competency or module and is now required to be reassessed to ensure that current competence is being maintained. (Both the qualification and current competency must be within the past three years, or as stipulated in the regulatory license) In the case of RCC - no extra skill or competencies are recognised.

RCC is an assessment process that may be required for licensing purposes (such as trade license) or defined units of competency where skill requirements are regularly updated (such as some First Aid). The Program Manager /

Coordinator in consultation with Finance / Director, Skills and Education Delivery will determine the RCC fees for the program as part of the Course Planning and Budgetary process.

**RCC Actions Timeframe** - There are five stages to complete the RCC Process. A reasonable assessment timeframe to complete all five stages is no longer than three weeks.

- Stage 1 - Pre-Enrolment (Contact and Initial Discussion) - one day
- Stage 2 - Enrolment - one day
- Stage 3 - Plan and gather evidence - one week
- Stage 4 - Review and Determine Current Competency - one week
- Stage 5 - Record and Report - one day

## Supporting documents

### Legislative context

- [Australian Qualifications Framework AQF](#)
- [Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority](#)
- [VRQA Guidelines for VET providers](#)
- [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator \(Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations\) Instrument 2025](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Student\(ESOS\) Act 2000](#)
- [Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority \(VRQA\)](#)

### University Act, Statutes and Regulations

- [Federation University Australia Statute 2021](#)
  - Part 5 - Division 1 - Academic Board
  - Part 6 - Division 2 - Award Programs
- [Federation University Australia Academic Regulations 2022](#)
- [Federation University Australia \(Students\) Regulations 2022](#)
  - Part 2 - Division 3 - Enrolment
  - Part 2 - Division 4 - Student Fees and Charges
  - Part 3 - Division 5 - Assessment
  - Part 5 - Division 7 - Appeals

### University Policy and Procedures

- [Academic Governance Policy](#)
- [ESOS Policies, Procedures and Guidelines](#)
- [VET Assessment Procedure](#)
- [VET Qualification Delivery Procedure](#)
- [VET Teacher Qualifications and Competency Procedure](#)

## Forms and Templates

- [Form - Authority to authenticate transcripts](#)

### Forms.

- [Pre-Information / Initial Screening form](#) (DOCX 207.1kb)
- [RPL Tool Part A](#) (DOCX 1340.6kb)
- [RPL Tool Part B](#) (DOCX 830.7kb)
- [RPL Tool Part C](#) (DOCX 1206.0kb)
- [RPL Vet Brochure 2026](#) (DOCX 3752.0kb)

## Related Web Resources

- [Policy Central](#)
- [Current Students](#)
- [Tuition fees & charges webpage](#)
- [VET Information Guide](#)

## Implementation and communication

The procedure will be implemented and communicated throughout the University via:

- Announcement the University's News webpage.
- Inclusion in the University Policy Library.
- Annual professional development includes assessment activities and workshops.

## Responsibilities

1. Pro Vice-Chancellor, VET and Pathways and Chief Executive TAFE are responsible for monitoring the implementation, outcomes and scheduled review of this procedure.
2. Associate Professor, Pathways is responsible for maintaining the content of the procedure as delegated by Pro Vice-Chancellor, VET and Pathways and Chief Executive TAFE.
3. Program / Managers are responsible for submitting the adjusted VET Assessment and VET RPL Assessment Tools through the internal School approval/validation process to ensure it meets the required assessment needs of each unit/qualification.
4. Directors are responsible for the operational implementation of this procedure.

## Records management

Title	Location	Responsible Officer	Minimum Retention Period
Master Copy: RPL Assessment Tool	TAFE Pathways	Director / Associate Professor, Pathways	Permanent
RPL Assessment Evidence	Faculty/Centre/ College	Assessor/Education Manager	7 years

RCC Assessment Evidence	Faculty/Centre/ College	Assessor/Education Manager	7 years
Credit Transfer	Faculty/Centre/ College	Assessor/Education Manager	7 years

## Records disposal

University records must only be disposed of in accordance with the University's Records Disposal Process as outlined in the Records Framework Procedure. Authorisation must be obtained from the Director of VET, Records Management Services and the Director of Academic Services or their delegate prior to disposal. Records must not be destroyed where it is known that those records may likely be required in evidence, either now or in the future.