

## **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING PROCEDURE**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessment [leading to the award of credit] that considers whether learners can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess and do not need to develop through a course of learning.

### **Terminology**

RPL policies and procedures have been developed over time, which has led to the use of a number of terms to describe the process. Among the most common are:

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

Accreditation of Prior Achievement (APA)

Accreditation of Prior Learning and Achievement (APLA).

These terms broadly describe the same process. Pearson uses the term Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Support/policies->

