

Applies to

- All Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) trainers, assessors and learners

Definitions

Source: *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2025*

Word or Phrase	Definition
Recognition of prior learning (RPL)	means 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.

Scope

- All nationally recognised training and accredited courses delivered/offered by the Association

Objectives

- For ABA to provide adequate information, support and opportunities for applicants to engage in the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

Principles

- ABA recognises that many people come to training programs with varying amounts of knowledge, skills and experience. Our recognition process is designed to take this into account, where we consider how much advanced standing a person has towards a particular qualification, or if it is even necessary for a person to attend any training program at all.

Policy Statement

- The RPL process will be made known to all course participants prior to enrolment via pre-course enrolment information.
- ABA learners with prior skills, knowledge and competencies are supported to seek recognition of prior learning to progress through the relevant training product.

- Decisions relating to recognition of prior learning are based on evidence of prior skills, learning and experience, and are undertaken in accordance with ABA's assessment system.
- Decisions relating to recognition of prior learning are documented and decided in a way that is fair, transparent, consistent amongst VET learners, and maintains the integrity of the training product.
- Candidates may apply for recognition of prior learning for a whole course or individual units.
- RPL is a formal assessment process, and a charge will be made for assessment of RPL submissions. Exemptions for this charge may be granted for ABA volunteers who meet specific criteria – e.g. sponsored learners.

Approved by

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Revision history

Revision	Date	Description of modifications
1	Nov 2005	Original
2	Sept 2011	Updated to clarify processes
2.1	November 2013	Minor changes for new templates. Approved ABA board meeting 159
2.2	January 2015	Reviewed and updated to include transitional changes to new Standards for RTOs 2015
2.3	Nov 2018	Reviewed and still current
2.4	Oct 2020	Reviewed and still current
2.5	May 2025	Updated to align with new Standards for RTOs 2025

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