

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Q1. What is RPL?

A1: Many people in different industries often have accumulated years of on the job work experience with some even having built life-long careers in the industry. Whilst these people are competent in their jobs, some may not have had the opportunity to receive formal training or recognition of their experience. RPL, meaning recognition of prior learning, is the process in which the skills and experience gained by someone outside the formal education and training system can be assessed and acknowledged, resulting in the award of qualifications relevant to the area assessed.

Q2. Who is this program designed for?

A2: The Academy of International Education, TAIE, is a fully accredited Australian Registered Training Organisation accredited to deliver hospitality courses from Certificate III to Diploma level. We have specifically set up our program for the food service industry and offer our RPL services to experience industry professionals such as cooks, kitchen staff, and restaurant managers, front of house staff and senior managers in the food service industry who would like to have their skills and experience formally recognised.

Q3. What are the conditions and criteria for participating?

A3: To participate in TAIE's program you must be 18 years or over. Government funding is available for interested and eligible applicants who are either citizen or permanent resident of Australia and are living in Victoria. Other eligibility criteria apply. In the event students are ineligible for Government funding, fee-for-service options are available for the RPL.

Q4. What are the benefits and why should I participate?

A4:

- RPL allows you to reduce and eliminate the need for training in skills and knowledge you already have.
- Save time by not having to attend classes and completing unnecessary work.
- Save money because you will not have to buy textbooks and learning resources.
- Complete your qualification in a shorter time.
- Most importantly; turn your years of work experience into a formal Australian qualification that is fully recognised by industry and Government.

Q5. What is the benefit of gaining a qualification?

A5:

- Have your skills, knowledge and expertise legally and formally recognised nationally.
- Qualification is necessary as a standard requirement for employment in certain industry and can also lead to further job prospects. For example, large established hospitality organisations such as restaurant chains and hotel groups usually require minimum qualification before taking on staff.
- With formal academic qualifications, employers will be more confident of your ability to work in the industry, hence improving both your competitiveness and employment opportunities.
- Having a formal trade qualification can create further pathways such as teaching in your area of trade or continuing on to further and higher levels of training and education.

Contact us today and meet with our trainers to discuss how we can assist you with gaining a qualification in your industry.