
SHERWOOD INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA

CREDIT TRANSFER AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Credit transfer

Sherwood Institute of Australia offers credit transfer to students. It allows the students count previous education or training in a similar field or topic towards part of a degree or other qualification. This can lessen the numbers of subjects you need to do to pick up your capability. You will require statements of academic achievement to support your request for credit.

Credit Transfer involves a review of the qualification and/or Units of Competency that the candidate presents that they believe are similar to those listed as one or more Units of Competency in the qualification for which they intend to study.

Upon receipt of a completed form SIA will review the Elements, Skills and Knowledge of the submitted qualification and essential assessment requirements (or equivalent if an overseas qualification that is recognised by Australia and evidence is presented to support qualification) and compare these with the requirements for the unit for which equivalency is sought.

The review should be conducted by a qualified assessor who is mapped for assessing that unit or units

If the unit is deemed to be equivalent then Credit Transfer for that unit(s) may be granted.

Where the unit is deemed as not equivalent, the parts that are deemed as equivalent could be used as part evidence in a RPL application.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) refers to the relevant prior/learning experience, which demonstrates that a student already has the knowledge and competencies of the module/s. The underlying principle of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is that no individual / student should be required to undertake a unit of study in a workshop session for which they are able to demonstrate satisfactory achievement of the required competency standard or learning outcome for entry into, and/or partial or total completion of a qualification.

Students are allowed to apply for RPL at any time within the duration of the course (for units that have not been taught) providing they supply sufficient evidence.

RPL applications are made using the student Course Credit Application Form. A fee applies to all RPL applications (this fee is dependent on units and qualification).