

# Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy

## Policy

This policy is for Energy & Utility Skills approved providers who are planning to use Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) as evidence towards the achievement of an Energy & Utility Skills scheme or programme. This policy sets out how and when RPL can be used as a method of assessment and includes guidance on how the RPL process can be managed.

## Definition of a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessing and validating earlier learning and achievement to achieve all or part of an Energy & Utility Skills scheme or programme.

The individual must be able to demonstrate that the knowledge, understanding or skills they already have through prior learning or assessment, removes the need for them to repeat learning or assessment. An assessor reviews whether the evidence is enough to show that the individual meets the assessment requirements for the Energy & Utility Skills scheme or programme.

The evidence must be valid, reliable, authentic and sufficient; the prior learning or assessment must also have taken place within the preceding three years.

## Scope

Only Energy & Utility Skills Approved Providers are eligible for claiming RPL. Approved Providers that offer RPL to individuals must have their own internal RPL policy in place as well as the appropriate level of resources to implement and maintain RPL.

Energy & Utility Skills role in the context of RPL, is to enable and validate the RPL process.

RPL is not available on all Energy & Utility Skills schemes and programmes. All Passport Schemes are specifically excluded. RPL may only be used for Endorsed Training Programmes where the training programme is mapped to nationally recognised standards.

RPL may be claimed against a module, unit or a complete scheme or programme.

## Claiming RPL for an Energy & Utility Skills scheme or programme

Making a request for RPL is easy. Please email our Quality Team – [quality@euskills.co.uk](mailto:quality@euskills.co.uk) - with the following information:

- Scheme or Programme name
- How you plan to evidence the RLP
- Relevant mapping of the prior learning to the standards of the Energy & Utility Skills scheme or programme – this could be a qualification
- Names of individual(s) you are planning to apply the RLP to

If we do not approve your request for RPL, you may appeal. Please see our Appeals and Enquiries about Results Policy.

If you have any questions relating to this policy, please contact us:

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