

## How to apply?

1. Download and read the RPL Guide for Applicants from the Academy page of the SLSNSW website ([www.surflifesaving.com.au](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au))
2. Gather your RPL evidence
3. Complete the RPL Application Form
4. Submit your application to your Branch Education Officer

## Want to know more?

- Consult the Academy page of the SLSNSW website and download the RPL Guide for Applicants
- Consult the SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures (Training Division) Recognition of Prior Learning policy (TA2.2)
- Speak with your Chief Training Officer or Branch Education Officer
- Access the RPL National Principles from the Australian Qualifications Framework ([www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au))
- Visit Skills Recognition ([www.skillsrecognition.nsw.gov.au](http://www.skillsrecognition.nsw.gov.au))



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# Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

## Introduction

Surf Life Saving NSW acknowledges non traditional forms of learning as valid pathways for recognition. RPL can save you time by recognising what you have already achieved in your study, work and life experience.

## What is RPL?

- The formal recognition of skills and knowledge that an individual already possesses
- What you currently know and can do is assessed to determine that you are already competent in certain skill areas

## Why is RPL valuable?

If your skills and knowledge are recognised:

- You may not have to complete some parts of your training course
- You will be undertaking new and challenging subjects, instead of repeating

- what you have already completed
- Your course workload may be decreased
- You may be able to finish your course earlier

## Who can apply?

RPL is available to all potential or existing SLSNSW course participants undertaking a nationally accredited course.

## How is RPL granted?

RPL is granted through an assessment process known as an RPL Application. Like all assessments evidence of competence is required.

## What kind of evidence?

The specific types of evidence you will need to provide is dependant on the requirements of your course. However, the evidence you supply must clearly demonstrate you are proficient in the units of competency that you apply for.

Evidence may be from:

- Another training course (*E.g. Statement of Attainment for Senior First Aid completed externally to SLS*)
- Work experience (*E.g. completed logbooks*)
- Life experience

## How much evidence?

The amount of evidence you need to supply depends on the quality of the evidence you provide. Just like an assignment you need to provide adequate evidence to indicate you have the required skills and knowledge.

SLSNSW can help you with this during the application process.

## How is evidence assessed?

Your evidence is assessed against the units of competency within the award and inline within the Principles of Assessment; that is evidence must be current, sufficient, valid and authentic.

*(The RPL Guide for Applicants provides further information)*