

RPL FAQs

Q. Am I suitable for RPL?

A. We have designed a diagnostic tool which is available on the IoS Online to complete. This tool asks several questions and, once complete, gives a good indication as to whether or not you are suitable to complete a qualification via the RPL method.

Q. What is RPL?

A. RPL is a route you can take to gain a qualification if you already possess the skills and knowledge and therefore do not require any tutor support, mentoring, delivery or learning resources. It requires you to provide relevant and sufficient evidence against the criteria laid out in the qualification specifications.

Q. If I am suitable for RPL, does this mean I will definitely get qualified?

A. No, there may be evidence you have uploaded which does not meet the learning outcome/s. An assessment takes place after the first deadline for uploading all evidence, you will have one further opportunity after this to provide any remaining evidence or make amendments.

Q. How do I complete RPL?

A. The RPL route requires learners to provide evidence which meets all the learning outcomes of the chosen qualification/s. You are required to upload this evidence to an online assessment platform, PebblePad, for which you will gain access once you have booked onto your RPL.

Q. Do I need to have all the evidence ready?

A. Yes. We assume and expect that those who come through the RPL route are experienced Teachers/Coaches already and would therefore already have the majority of evidence readily available. Those who decide to join RPL are usually

granted a period of 4 weeks in which they need to gather their evidence and upload it to their workspace on the software we use which is called 'PebblePad'.

Q. Will the assessor map my evidence to the learning outcomes?

A. No, it is your responsibility to tell the assessor which learning outcomes you would like them to consider when looking at the evidence you have uploaded.

Q. Is RPL a quick and easy route to obtaining a qualification?

A. No. RPL is an alternative way to gain a qualification. It can prove to be quite time consuming as those going through the process are required to familiarise themselves with the qualification specification and then map the evidence they upload to specific learning outcomes.

Q. The Key Dates indicate a Webex – is this compulsory?

A. Yes, you must be able to attend this. If you do not attend, you will be removed from the RPL cohort

Q. Can I submit evidence after the closing date?

A. No. Similar to a course, assessors are allocated for a particular timeframe to complete the assessment of evidence presented therefore those going through RPL must adhere to the timescales advertised.

Q. Will I receive feedback straight away?

A. No. You will be provided with specific dates for your RPL including when you can submit evidence, when you will be provided with feedback, when you can make amends/additions and when the final closing date will be.

Q. Will I receive ongoing feedback?

A. No. You will receive feedback once all evidence has been uploaded initially.

Q. What happens if I don't successfully complete the RPL?

A. You will be provided with some options, namely: attending a tutor led course, possible extension at an additional cost, removal from the RPL programme.

Q. Are there any circumstances where I could be entitled to a refund?

A. Unfortunately, due to the administrative process, Awarding Body fees paid up front, Pebblepad licence and allocation of assessor time, a refund will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, for example illness (for which a doctor's note will be requested)