

Results of RPL applications

You will receive a written response to your RPL application which should outline clearly if any credit towards the diploma modules have been granted, whether workshops or assessments have been credited and what you need to do to complete the full course.



If you wish to appeal any RPL awarded you need to do this *in writing* as soon as possible after receiving your original response. Where there is any dispute final and binding decisions on RPL will be made by the Playcentre Education Committee.



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Applying for recognition of prior learning in Playcentre



Quality in Early Childhood Education, A co-operative whānau Family Experience.

How do I apply for RPL?

The process involves you as applicant providing evidence of the title and provider where previous qualifications were completed. A transcript of learning outcomes or course titles improves the information available for this process.

Your local association team or centre education officer will have forms for you to make your application on. Good quality information will make the process of assessing RPL much quicker and appropriate decisions more likely. The association will inform you of any costs before your application is processed. *Any costs incurred in the*



Your task as applicant is to provide the evidence.

RPL process are to be paid by you as applicant. Your local association will inform you of these when you first apply.

How is RPL worked out?

RPL is worked out by matching both the learning outcomes as well as the level of previous qualifications gained. All Playcentre-specific learning outcomes must be completed within the Playcentre setting. The smallest unit of credit granted is a full workshop or assessment. In some cases exemption from attendance at a workshop is granted provided the relevant assessment is completed as a way of confirming your knowledge.

Can I get RPL for my practical experiences?

The process of collecting evidence to demonstrate competency due to your experience is similar. You as applicant need to collect evidence to show you can meet or have met the diploma learning outcomes. Because this is a bit more complicated associations will have processes in place to provide support for you to prepare your portfolio of evidence. You submit your evidence, pay any costs due for the assessment and



You provide evidence to show you can meet the learning outcomes

RPL is worked out. Because this process can be more complex the time needed to assess the portfolio may result in greater costs than when a recognized qualification is provided as evidence. Associations attempt to

keep all costs to a minimum.

When may I apply for RPL

You may only apply for RPL at the beginning of each course. [2,3 or 4] We cannot award it when you are part way through a course. If you decide later you wish to apply for RPL for subsequent courses you should do so at the time you re-enroll in each one.

Why is a teaching diploma not automatically recognized in Playcentre for licensing?

Playcentre, as a parent-led service has a different philosophy from teacher-led early childhood services. Playcentre philosophy and practice of early childhood and adult education is unique. Therefore the New Zealand Playcentre Federation has negotiated a Playcentre-specific licensing agreement which gives a specific recognition for Playcentre qualifications. This has allowed us to protect our group



supervision processes, an arrangement unique to Playcentre where the parents of children attending the centre are able to be recognized for their skills and knowledge while they take responsibility for the management, planning and provision of early childhood education for their children. However our RPL processes still aim to recognize elements of prior learning which are common to both teacher led and parent led services, while still ensuring that everyone in a Playcentre has a shared understanding of the elements unique to Playcentre such as our philosophy, our cooperative practices specific and aspects unique to your local centre.