

Credit Transfer & Recognition of Prior Learning

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What is the Credit Recognition and Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (CRT/RPL) project?

Credit Recognition and Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (CRT/RPL) will look at ways to promote the recognition of learning already credentialed, as well as informal learning that has not yet been credentialed – skills and knowledge obtained through employment, community and life experience.

The CRT/RPL project is looking to create a quality assurance system that maximises the transferability of all learning so it can be credited towards future credentialed learning and used in employment.

Why is this being progressed?

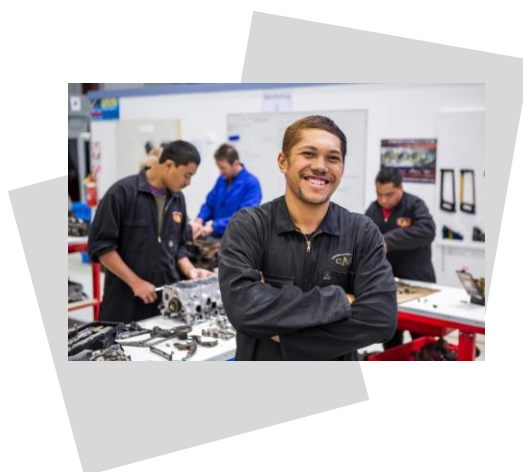
Currently there is a concern that learners are often not given full credit for learning they have already achieved. Employees also have skills that are not used in their employment because they are not formally recognised and credentialed. This can be wasteful if learning is duplicated or unproductive if learners' full skill sets are not utilised.

As New Zealanders are increasingly mobile they expect their qualifications to be easily recognised wherever they go. Increasingly employers and others are looking for evidence of achievement of specific learning components – for example learning referred to as *Badges*. This learning may be credentialed through a range of ways such as courses including MOOCs, credit recognition and transfer and recognition of prior learning and would all be recorded on a Universal Record of Achievement.

The Universal Record of Achievement project is expected to eventually record achievement through CRT/RPL as well as trans-national qualifications eg CISCO certificates, along with qualifications listed on other national qualifications frameworks recognised in New Zealand.

How will it work?

- More learners will have their formal and informal learning credentialed.
- Learners will be able to undertake only the learning needed to complete qualifications and other training.
- Employers will have access to information on a wider range of skills their employees have gained.
- Quality assurance will focus on flexibility, rigour and low compliance alongside high quality judgements



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Who will benefit from this?

It will be useful to increase learning credentialed through credit recognition and transfer and recognition of prior learning

It will be useful for people coming to work in New Zealand from overseas who have obtained qualifications recognised in New Zealand

It will benefit New Zealand through reducing duplication of learning for individuals and optimising skills and knowledge.

When will the project be delivered?

The CRT/RPL project will deliver recommendations to the NZQA Board late 2015.

The results are expected to be incorporated into the Universal Record of Achievement (due late-2016)

How is this being progressed?

The project is being progressed through a series of sector working groups led by the Quality Assurance division. At this stage the working groups are seeking to define barriers to CRT/RPL, ways to address the barriers and the quality assurance environment that would enable and promote CRT/RPL.

It is a part of the Future State programme *Quality Assurance in a Borderless World* workstream.

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