



## **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Information & Process**

### **What is RPL?**

R = Recognition

P = Prior, Previous

L = Learning or achievement or experience

It is a process which recognises your learning, achievements and experience no matter how and where gained within a time framework

### **How could I benefit from RPL?**

- Credit towards qualifications
- Exception from part of a course or from the normal entry requirements
- Recognition of skills, abilities and knowledge you may bring to a course from elsewhere
- Fast track route to gaining a qualification

### **How does it work?**

You produce evidence that you can already meet the requirements of all or part of the qualification you are working towards. You may bring evidence of your prior learning or achievement from:

- A full or part time job
- From other courses you have done
- From voluntary or unpaid work

The evidence you provide must match the requirements (learning outcomes and associated criteria) of the qualification you wish to gain

### **What do I need to do to claim RPL?**

- First contact college/university for information about what is involved
- Your college/university may arrange an initial interview, to decide whether the RPL route is right for you
- If you decide to go ahead, you will produce a plan of what evidence you may need to produce and how it will be assessed
- You will then gather evidence of your prior learning/experience in a portfolio. Your college/university will give you support and guidance on this and review your progress. When complete, your portfolio will be assessed for recognition

## RPL 5 step process

