

# RPL: Recognition of Prior Learning

*Are you already working as a teacher or coach?*

- Q. Do you have teaching or coaching experience?
- Q. Do you want to gain the latest ASA Teaching Aquatics or Coaching Qualification?

If you answered yes to both of these questions then RPL is for you!

**If you have no or limited teaching/coaching experience then you are recommended to complete a full course face to face**

**RPL is only suitable for individuals who have experience of teaching and/or coaching**

## What is RPL?

- OFQUAL define RPL as “A method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess and do not need to develop through a course of learning”
- In simple terms it is a programme which assesses you against the current ASA qualifications taking into account previous qualifications and teaching/coaching experience
- It is ideal for individuals who have experience of teaching or coaching

## RPL Vs Exemption, which is best for me?

- If you have experience of teaching and or coaching then RPL is best for you, RPL can also take into account qualifications, where as exemption will only take into account qualifications
- Exemption is strictly based on qualifications

Does the process.....	RPL	Exemption
Take into account previous qualifications?	✓	✓
Allow you to only have to complete certain units of a course	✓	✓
Take into account teaching/coaching experience?	✓	✗
Take into account volunteer work?	✓	✗
Take into account competitive swimming experience?	✓	✗
Award credit towards a QCF qualification	✓	✗
Potentially award enough credit to be awarded a full qualification?	✓	✗

### Will I get the latest qualification?

- Yes you will receive the current ASA UKCC Qualification, which is on the QCF (Qualification Credit Framework)

### How long will it take?

- It depends on a number of factors such as your level of knowledge and experience, quality of evidence submitted to the assessor, learner and or assessor availability. It could be a day, a week, a month depending on availability of an assessor and you ability to demonstrate your knowledge, with certification around 4 weeks later

### How does it work?

- The first thing you need to do is complete the “expression of interest form” detailing your teaching/coaching experience as well as basic contact details
- You will then be contacted to confirm that you have been accepted onto the program and the cost
- You will then have to contact us to make the payment over the phone
- An assessor will be assigned and will contact you to explain how the assessment will take place followed by some questions to find out more about your background and experience
- Communication and Assessment may include a
  - Discussion over the phone
  - Skype
  - Online learning module
  - Observation – *The most common form of assessment when an assessor will come and see you during your normal teaching/coaching sessions*
  - Witness statements
  - Request for teaching/coaching session plans and analysis
  - Workbooks and many more
- If you reach the standard required then you will be awarded the qualification
- You will need to sign up to [www.theiosonline.com](http://www.theiosonline.com), this is free of charge and must be completed before certification can be completed
- If you do not reach the required standard then the assessor will give you feedback on the areas you need to develop, you then have another opportunity to submit more work to reach the required level and gain certification.

### The old unit 4 exam

- If you were unable to pass the unit 4 techniques exam on the old level 2 qualification (2007-10) and passed the remaining units (units 1,2,3,5 & 6), then RPL can help. We have created an “alternative assessment” booklet which covers the content of the old unit 4 exam. The big difference is that there are no time constraints, you have as much time as you need to complete and submit.
- If this sounds like you then submit the “expression of interest” document along with details of the course you originally attended.

### What if I am not deemed competent?

RPL does not guarantee that you will gain the qualification, if you are not deemed competent by the assessor because you still need to produce a few pieces of evidence then the assessor will work with you on those areas.

If the assessor feels that you do not have the experience or knowledge to meet the required standard then you will be directed to attend a specific part of a course.

## **Price**

<i>How much will it cost?</i>	
Level 1	
Level 1 full course (101-107)	£395
Level 1 common units (101-104)	£276.50
Level 1 technical units (105-107)	£276.50
Level 2	
Level 2 full course (201-208)	£680
Level 2 common units (201, 202, 204)	£476
Level 2 technical units (205-208 & either 203 or 203.1)	£476
Level 1 & Level 2 combined	
Level 1 full course (101–107) Level 2 full course (201-208)	£999
Extras	
<i>If at the end of the assessment you have not met the standards required then additional tutor time will be charged at £50 per hour</i>	

*Please contact us if you require any selection of units not mentioned in the above box*

## **Are you a swimming club with a number of teachers and coaches?**

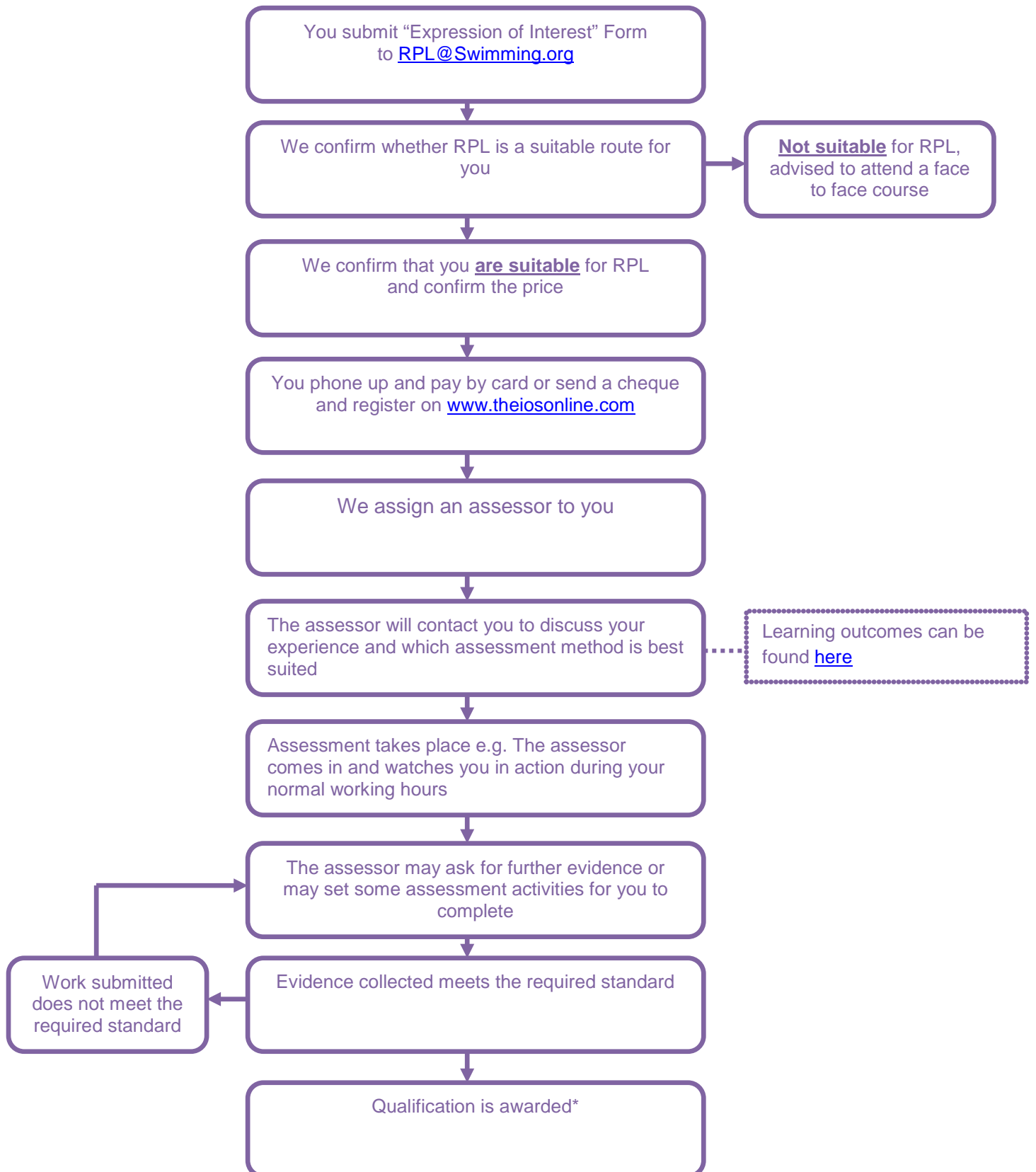
If you have a workforce with the skills to carry out their role but no formal qualifications or maybe some volunteers who have been helping out assisting your teachers or coaches, then an RPL day would be ideal for you.

We can arrange to have an assessor come in and observe the individuals during their normal sessions, with naturally occurring evidence ticking off the majority of the qualifications in one session, a professional discussion between the assessor and individual after to fill in any gaps after the session and that's it, job done.

The more individuals you have the better price we can offer per head.

If you are interested then contact us now, [RPL@swimming.org](mailto:RPL@swimming.org)

## RPL Pathway



\*Awarding Body certification period 2-4 weeks