



## Claiming Credit in the QCF - Recognition of Prior Learning, Exemption and Credit Transfer

### Understanding the Terms

#### Claiming Credit

Within the QCF a credit value is assigned to each unit of assessment and awarded for those units achieved. Individuals may wish to 'claim credit' for prior learning in order that learning/ achievement does not need to be repeated.

Credit may be claimed for prior learning in each of the following ways:

#### **1. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**

RPL refers to previously-uncertificated learning and achievements and is '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.

If an individual can demonstrate (through a valid and acceptable assessment method) that they are able to meet the standard of the unit, defined by all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria, then they can claim the credit for that unit.

An AO may place restrictions on the award of credit through RPL, e.g. explicit requirements for a licence to practice, H&S requirements.

#### **2. Exemption**

The facility for a learner to claim exemption from some of the achievement requirements of a QCF qualification, using evidence of certificated, non-QCF achievement deemed to be of equivalent value.

Where exemption is granted no credit is awarded; exemptions are deemed to be 'of equivalent value' to credits in the QCF.



### 3. Credit Transfer

Credit may be transferred between qualifications in the QCF. Thus, learners will not need to repeat anything that has already been learned and certificated in the QCF; credit will be transferred where that learning is a requirement of another qualification.