



## Recognition of prior learning

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### Get credit where credit is due

You've worked hard to get where you are – whether that's through prior study, work and other learning experiences.

With Macquarie's [Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\) policy](#), you could get credit for all that hard work. We recognise formal qualifications as well as informal learning. RPL reduces the duration and cost of your course so you can get to your future sooner.

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## Prior learning types

We consider two main forms of prior learning for potential credit.

### Formal learning

Formal learning is part of a structured program that leads to the full or partial achievement of an officially accredited qualification undertaken at a tertiary institution (eg university, TAFE or private college).

Examples of officially accredited qualifications include:

- diplomas and advanced diplomas
- associate degrees, bachelor and postgraduate degrees.

### Evidence of formal learning



### Assessment criteria



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## Informal and non-formal learning

*Informal learning* is gained through work, social and family experiences. It is not organised or externally structured in terms of objectives, time or learning support.

*Non-formal learning* takes place through a structured program of learning but does not lead to an officially accredited qualification.

## Evidence of informal or non-formal learning



## Assessment criteria



## Credit amount and limits

Up to 50 per cent of the course may be credited depending on the amount and relevance of your prior learning.

Courses that have a duration of less than one year (ie less than 80 credit points) are NOT eligible for credit.

Exceptions to credit limits may apply in some circumstances, such as for prior Macquarie University studies as part of:

- a nested award
- an approved articulation
- an approved joint program
- an approved internal course transfer.

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