Australian Computer Society
Policies and Procedures:
Pre-Training Review

Relevant Standards: Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015: 1.2, 1.7

Definition

Credit Transfer may apply if a student has previously completed some units of competency in the ICT50115 or their equivalent at another institution. If the units are deemed to be equivalent by ACS assessors, then these units may be credited against the qualification offered by the ACS.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) involves the assessment of previously unrecognised skills, and knowledge that an individual has achieved outside a formal education and training system. RPL assesses this unrecognised learning against the required learning outcomes of a subject taught and/or assessed by ACS.

Purpose and Scope

This policy applies to all qualifications on the scope of registration for ACS and applies to all ACS Partners (“Partners” Third Party Arrangements/Agents) and staff.

This policy and procedure is to assist ACS Partners and staff to ensure that students are suitable to undertake the chosen qualification.

Under this policy, applicants seeking to enter a program of education offered and/or assessed by ACS may be granted formal recognition of knowledge and skills achieved through previous training, education and experience and, as a consequence, gain exemption, in the form of Credit Transfer and/or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), in particular units of competency within a Nationally Recognised Qualification on the Scope of ACS.

Under Standards 1.7 Support Learners, ACS is required to ensure that it:

“determines the support needs of individual learners and provides access to the educational and support services necessary for the individual learner to meet the requirements of the training product as specified in training packages or VET accredited courses”.

This policy and procedure also relates to National Code Standard 3 & Standard 6

Responsibility

• The Director of Education is responsible for this policy.
• The **Education Program Manager** is responsible for the implementation of this policy and responsible for the day to day management of this policy.

• The **Education Compliance Manager** is responsible for the maintenance and update of this policy

**Policy**

1. ACS will determine the suitability of the student to undertake their chosen qualification before formal enrolment into the course.
2. A Pre-training Review will be developed for each qualification level on ACS scope of registration and will align with the requirements of the related training package for the qualification.
3. The Pre-training review will be developed with reference to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) and the Training and Assessment Strategy (TAS) for the qualification.
4. The pre-training review, may consist of:
   a. Application for enrolment
   b. Student self-assessment
   c. Language Literacy and Numeracy test
   d. Essay
   e. IELTS score appropriate for the qualification level (if international student)
   f. Student interview (face to face, skype, or phone) if required
   g. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) – documentation assessed (if applicable)
   h. Pre-requisite knowledge quiz (if required)
5. The pre-training review of the student will be assessed by a LLN qualified trainer and assessor.
6. Where additional support is identified, the LLN qualified trainer and assessor, will recommend and document the supporting mechanisms.
7. Additional support will be in line with the Student Support Services policy, but not limited to.
8. If the student is not suitable for the course, they have applied for, the LLN qualified trainer and assessor will recommend other courses, or support services the student may access.
9. The pre-training review will be retained on the student file.
10. Pre training review process will be documented in the student hand book and made available on the website.
11. Pre-training reviews will be reviewed:
    a. Annually
    b. When changes to qualifications on training.gov.au occur
    c. TAS is updated.
    d. Feedback is received from trainers, staff, students, partners or other relevant party.
12. Updates to the pre-training review will be recorded in the continuous improvement register.
Procedures

1. Administration provides student with Pre-training review documentation or student downloads Pre-training review documentation.
2. Pre-training review is completed by student.
3. Student submits pre-training review.
   i. if required evidence of IELTS is submitted.
   ii. Documentation is provided from student in reference to RPL (if applicable)
4. Pre-training review is assessed by LLN qualified trainer and assessor.
   i. if required, interview is undertaken.
5. If required, support needs are identified and documented.
6. Student is advised of the result of Pre-training review.
7. Enrolment into course is formalised or
8. Enrolment into course is not recommended.

Related Documents

- ACSF
- Training and Assessment Strategies
- Student Enrolment Form
- Student Support Services Policy and Procedure
- Formalisation of Enrolment Policy and Procedure
- Student Handbook
- Academic Credit, Credit Transfer and RPL Policy
- DIT Student Pre-Enrolment Process
Process

Entry Requirements
- Check entry requirements as per above list
- Upload all relevant documentation into RTO Manager, clearly named
- If English Language Requirement not specifically met, and in the circumstances listed above, ensure that student completes the ELSIS English Placement Test to determine English level

IT Knowledge Test
- Administer IT Knowledge Test and verify student completion
- Upload marked test into RTO Manager, clearly named

Interview
- Interview student and record their answers on the ACS ICT50115 Diploma in IT Interview questions for students document
- Ensure student signs the declaration at the end of the document, and sign it yourself as confirmation of this
- Upload signed document into RTO Manager, clearly named

Approval of CoE
- Create CoE in PRISMS
- Email ACS requesting approval of CoE - include student name and ID number in email
- ACS will review records in RTO Manager and either request further information or approve CoE
- Deliver CoE to student

For further information relating to the above process refer to DIT Student Pre-Enrolment Process
Pre-Training Review

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