

# **Recognition of Prior Learning Policy**

| Policy designation   | PO803EXE0422-AR | Policy audience    | Public Facing                      |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Approval date        | 04/04/2022      | Document owner     | Director of Marketing & Admissions |
| Released to audience | 05/04/2022      | Version            | 1.0                                |
| Review date          | As required     | Approval authority | Executive                          |

CRICOS Provider Code: 00577C

# Source of Obligation

Standard 2.3 of the National Code requires the School to have and implement a documented policy and process for assessing and recording recognition of prior learning (RPL), and granting and recording course credit, if the School intends to assess or grant course credit.

The School's decision to assess RPL or grant course credit must preserve the integrity of the award to which it applies and comply with the requirements of the educational framework of the course.

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

RPL is an assessment process that involves an assessment of an overseas student's prior learning, including formal, informal and non-formal learning, to determine the learning outcome of an individual.

#### Strathcona's Policy

It is the School's policy to assess and record prior learning of an overseas student upon request by the student and, if applicable, make a decision to recognise that prior learning for the purposes of enrolment in a course at the School.

The School must ensure that the decision to assess and record the overseas student's prior learning preserves the integrity of the award and complies with the requirements of the educational framework of the course.

The decision must be recorded in accordance with our **Overseas Students Records Management and Retention Policy**.



# Assessing RPL

When the School is assessing an overseas student's prior learning, the School will assess:

- the course material of the school which the overseas student attended overseas
- the overseas student's academic report from the school they attended overseas
- statement of attainment or similar
- education certificates obtained overseas.

# **Granting of RPL**

Under Standard 2.4, if the School grants RPL to an overseas student, the School must give a written record of the decision to the overseas student. The School retains the written record of acceptance in accordance with our **Overseas Students Records Management and Retention Policy**.

If the School grants RPL or course credit that reduces the overseas student's course duration under Standard 2.5, the School must:

- inform the overseas student of the reduced course duration following the grant of RPL and ensure the confirmation of enrolment (CoE) is issued only for the reduced duration of the course
- report any change in course duration in PRISMS if RPL is granted after the overseas student's visa is granted.

#### **Record Keeping**

The School maintains evidence of compliance with this policy by maintaining records of assessments and decisions made regarding requests to grant RPL. Records will be maintained in accordance with our **Overseas Students Records Management and Retention Policy**.