

Recognition of Prior Learning

The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process gives applicants the opportunity to provide evidence of how their prior learning is the equivalent to part(s) of the course they'd like to join, and if their request for RPL is approved, applicants will be exempt from those parts of the course but will still receive the academic credit.

RPL is considered as part of the admissions process and is therefore reflected in Section 2 of the Academic Regulations, Admissions.

RPL is a process that is open to students, regardless of location of study or mode of study, and helps ensure academic standards are maintained and students are awarded fairly and equitably.

Key points of RPL:

Types of RPL:

Recognition of **Experiential** Learning (RPEL) - based on non-assessed/ non-certificated experience
Recognition of **Certificated** Learning (RPCL) - based on certificates not recognised on the QAA FHEQ-DAB*
(UK HE) **Credit Transfer** - based on credit/ qualifications recognised by QAA FHEQ-DAB*

Minimum of one third of the total credit of the target award, or 60 credits - whichever is the higher - must be studied at Leeds Beckett

Applications are based on prior learning being assessed against the module or level learning outcomes of the Leeds Beckett course

RPL affects:

- Degree classification
- Student funding (eg PG Loans)
- Student visas
- Benefits (eg Council Tax exemption)

Marks are not awarded with RPL, only credit

Prior learning is normally expected to have taken place within the last 5 years

Fees apply to some applications for RPEL

Following the Regulatory Review of 2016/17, the following changes have been made for 2017/18:

New for 2017/18

- Applications for Admission Through RPL (ie exemption sought from course entry requirements, not part of the course itself) are managed outside of the RPL process by Schools and Admissions
- Two new risk-based approval processes to be implemented (details overleaf) with accompanying templates and on-line guidance resources
- RPL may not be awarded against L6 credit of an Honours or Ordinary Degree (including L6 top-ups)

Contacts and further information

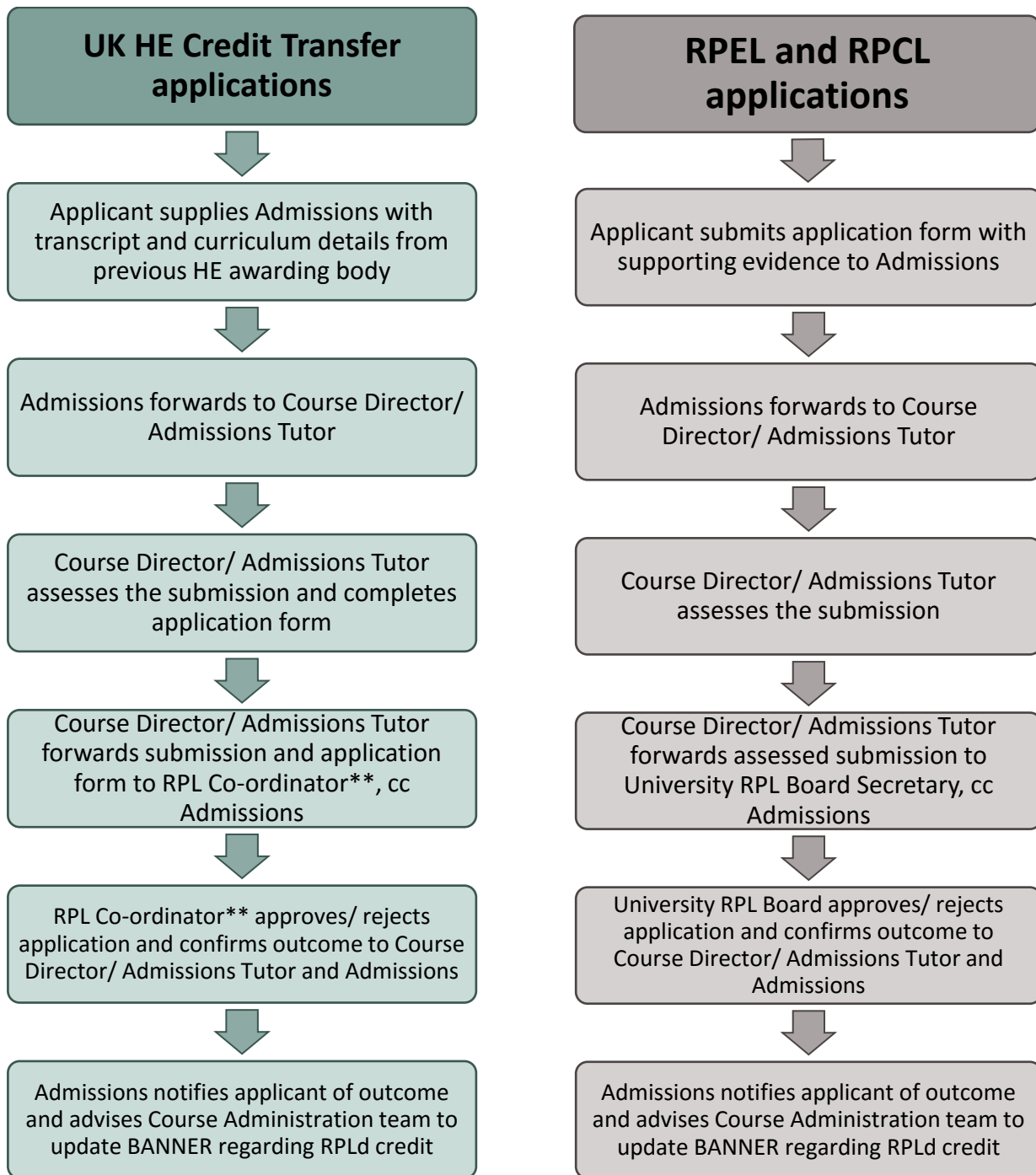
Academic
Regulations

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Guidance and
templates

*Quality Assurance Agency Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies

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Collaborative context

Where RPL applicants are from partner institutions, relevant **Link Tutors** will consider assessed applications **prior** to their submission for approval and will be included in communications regarding confirmed outcomes

Articulation arrangements are approved outside the RPL process – where applicants join a course through a current, and approved, arrangement an individual RPL application is not required

**RPL Co-ordinator, or the person(s) identified by the Dean of School as being responsible for approval of Credit Transfer