



RPL Process Document

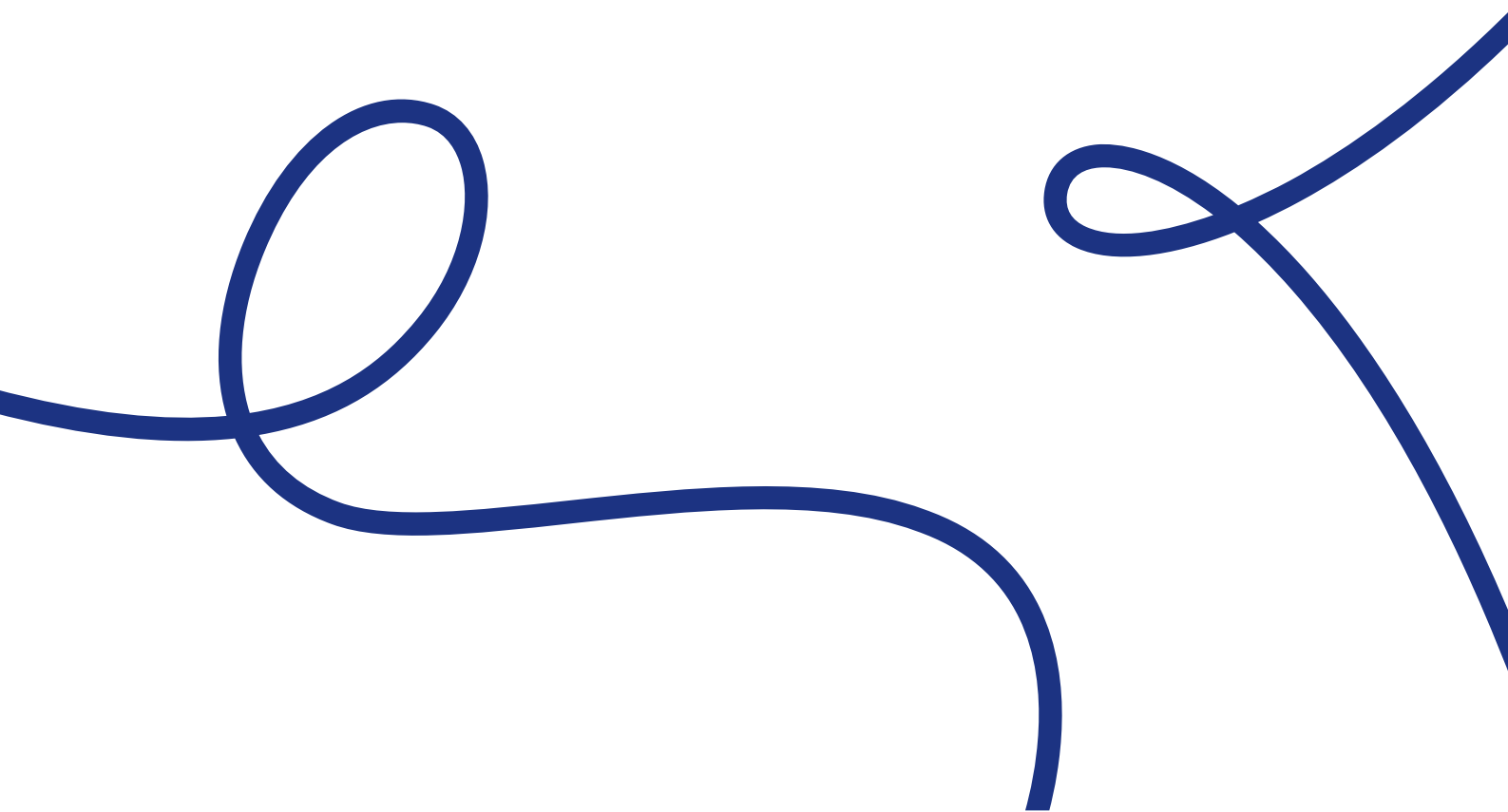


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Recognition of Prior Learning Policy

The RPL process document is to be read in conjunction with the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy. The policy is located on the [Gymnastics Australia website](#).

What is a Recognition Assessment?

A recognition assessment is a process that allows an individual to show Gymnastics Australia they have the knowledge and skills to safely coach gymnastics. If they can show evidence of their coaching abilities, they can gain a Gymnastics Australia Coach Accreditation.

This process is also referred to as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Recognition of Current Competence (RCC).

If an individual believes they have already acquired the competencies as set down for a particular GA accredited course, they may formally apply to have these skills recognised. This is achieved through completing the relevant recognition application form and forwarding this to GA, along with the required fees.

Assessment Categories

1. Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Overview	Apply for this assessment if you would like to gain a GA Gymsport Coach Accreditation. A Gymnastics Australia Coach Accreditation acknowledges that you are competent to coach gymnastics, appropriate to your accreditation level. An accreditation enables you to become a Technical Member of GA.
Who is it for?	An <u>Intermediate and Advanced</u> Coach Accreditation is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coach who holds an overseas accreditation • A local coach who does not hold a GA accreditation An <u>Advanced Silver and High-Performance</u> Coach Accreditation is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overseas coach
Restrictions	The following restrictions apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coach cannot apply for a Beginner Coach Accreditation. Please complete the Beginner Online and Face to Face Course or alternatively apply to the State/Territory Association for an exemption to go straight to an Intermediate Coach Accreditation. • A local coach cannot apply for an Advanced Silver or High-Performance Accreditation.

2. Additional Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Overview	Apply for this assessment if you would like to gain an additional Gymsport Accreditation. You will only be assessed on new competencies, usually Gymsport specific. Please refer to the Coach Accreditation Policy (Second Gymsport Accreditation Exemptions Appendix) for an understanding of the competencies to be assessed
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Who is it for?	Appropriate for coaches who already hold a current GA accreditation. Application can only be made for an accreditation in a different Gymsport at the same or lower level.
Restrictions	This category is only available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to Technical Members of GA who hold a current coach accreditation. • at Intermediate or Advanced Level.

3. FIG Judge Accreditation

Overview	Apply for this assessment if you are an overseas judge who holds a FIG Judge Accreditation.
Who is it for?	An overseas judge who holds a FIG Judge Accreditation
Additional Requirements	Please contact Gymnastics Australia education@gymnastics.org.au and provide evidence of the accreditation.

4. Current Competency Coach Assessment

Overview	This category is available for coaches who have not renewed their Technical Membership for a period of three years or more. Apply for this assessment to verify that you are competent to coach at the level of your previous accreditation held. This assessment is a practical assessment at your workplace or alternative to prove you are still competent to coach.
Who is it for?	This assessment is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coach who has had an absence from coaching • A coach who has not completed annual updating • A coach who would like to undertake an assessment as updating
Restrictions	GA will make every effort to assess at the workplace but based on location, the coach may be required to travel to a convenient location / provide video or alternative evidence.
Additional Requirements	For Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Accreditations, the process and assessment are administered by the State/Territory Association. Please contact the State/Territory Association for this service. For Advanced Silver and High Performance Accreditation, the process and assessment is administered by Gymnastics Australia. Please contact Gymnastics Australia for this service.

First Aid Certificate

For Advanced and above coach accreditations, the applicant must hold a First Aid Certificate prior to the accreditation being awarded. See ***Coach Accreditation Policy*** for more information on current first certification. Please note that costs to gain a First Aid Certificate if required are not included in the fees. This is the responsibility of the applicant.

Child Safeguarding Course

Prior to being awarded an accreditation, the applicant must complete the current mandatory child safeguarding course. More information about this will be provided to the applicant on receipt of RPL payment and application. The applicant must also hold a valid Working With Children Child prior to being awarded an Australian coaching accreditation.

Fee Structure

The new fee structure covers the following costs:

- 12-month Technical Membership (where applicable)
- Administration & Assessor related expenses including travel costs associated with an Assessor observing and assessing the applicant working in a gym
- Enrolment into the current mandatory child safeguarding course

Fees are Australia Dollars (\$AUD)

1. Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Accreditation Level	Accreditation Cost
Beginner Coach Accreditation	Not available
Intermediate Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$565
Advanced Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$600
Advanced Silver Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$650
High Performance Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$650

2. Additional Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Accreditation Level	Accreditation Cost
Intermediate Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$300
Advanced Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$350
Advanced Silver Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$400
High Performance Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$400

3. FIG Judge Accreditation

Accreditation Level	Accreditation Cost
High Performance Accreditation	\$300

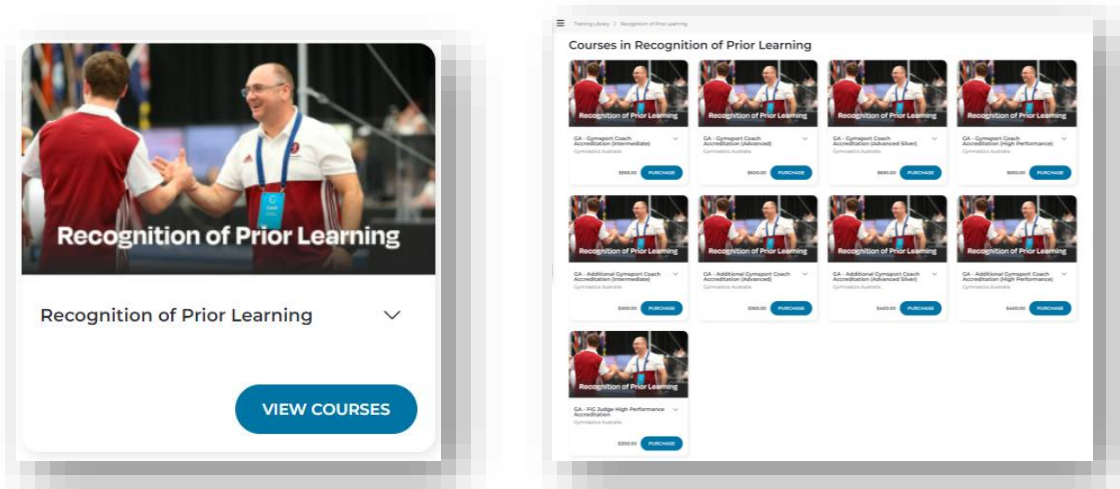
4. Current Competency Coach Assessment

Accreditation Level	Accreditation Cost
Intermediate Gymsport Coach Accreditation	Please see your State/Territory Association for further details & payment options
Advanced Gymsport Coach Accreditation	
Advanced Silver Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$650
High Performance Gymsport Coach Accreditation	\$650

How to pay?

Payment for RPL applications is made via FLEX, Gymnastics Australia’s learning management system. Upon logging in, look for the recognition of prior learning category, click view courses and then select the application course appropriate to your situation. See following images.

For current competency coach assessment, please consult with your State/Territory Association for cost and payment methods.



How to pay? (overseas applicants)

Overseas applicants will need to contact the education department (membership@gymnastics.org.au) directly to be invoiced.

Before you apply?

Before you apply, we strongly encourage all applicants to review our Accreditation Skill Matrices within the current Coach Accreditation Policy (found at our [By-laws, Policies & Technical Regulations](#) webpage).

Match your current skills to those that can be taught under an Australian accreditation – then apply for the accreditation level that best matches your skills. This will save you a lot of time and effort

How to apply?

1. Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Once payment is made, complete your RPL application form. RPL application forms can be found [here](#).

2. Additional Gymsport Coach Accreditation

Once payment is made, complete your RPL application form. RPL application forms can be found [here](#).

3. FIG Judge Accreditation

Once payment is made, please email membership@gymnastics.org.au expressing your interest in having your FIG Judge Accreditation recognised and accredited in Australia.

4. Current Competency Coach Assessment (Intermediate & Advanced Level)

Please see your State/Territory Association.

5. Current Competency Coach Assessment (Advanced Silver & HP Level)

Please contact membership@gymnastics.org.au addressing what you'd like to achieve.

How do I show evidence of competencies?

There are many ways that you can show evidence of the competencies you hold.

Examples of evidence include:

- Certified Formal qualifications
 - Academic transcripts
 - Certificates / qualifications from relevant courses
- Work related experience
 - Resume of work experience which may include reports from senior coaches / judges / administrators, results of athletes coached
 - If provided, must include contact details of people who can verify the information provided.
 - Copies of any statements, references or articles about your employment or community involvement
 - Relevant work samples such as essays, coaching plans or completed work projects
- Life experiences
 - Video of coaching sessions with corresponding planning documentation
 - Reports on opportunities undertaken, which could include reports from events and / or study tours
 - Athlete experiences are valuable, however are not necessarily the "benchmark" for evidence of coaching competencies.

Examples of evidence must be provided in English. Any translation cost is at the expense of the applicant.

Please remember, the list above is not exhaustive and there are many other examples. Provide all the documentation that you can which clearly shows evidence of the competencies you hold.

Enquiries

Email your enquires to membership@gymnastics.org.au.