

## **9. What sort of things should someone who wants to undertake RPL find out about?**

Obviously these issues will vary depending on requirements in the sector, and factors such as the following:

- Is recognition required in the Higher Education or Further Education band?
- Is it for technical/ practical or academic skills and knowledge?
- Is it for access or for certification, or for any other purpose?

Some general questions a candidate might want to ask are as follows:

- What will the costs be? What is the difference in costs between doing the RPL process and undertaking the relevant programme?
- What will the time frames be? What is the difference in time frames between doing the RPL process and undertaking the relevant programme?
- What sort of evidence will he/she be required to present?
- Are there different language options in the RPL process? (This will probably depend on the requirements of the unit standards or qualifications, and on provider requirements and resources.)
- What is the recognition status of the standards and qualifications awarded through the RPL process? Will the achievement be recorded on the National Learners' Records Database (NLRD)? (In theory there should be no difference between the standards and qualifications achieved by RPL and those achieved through a learning programme.)
- Is the provider offering RPL in this context accredited by the relevant ETQA or SETA?

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