

Recognition of Prior Activity (RPA) Policy

1. Purpose of the Policy

To outline the use of RPA within Award delivery. RPA will be recognised when agreements are in place with an organisation entering a co-delivery model with the Award.

2. Objectives of the Policy

When participants are engaged in a co-delivery programme with the Award when the range of activity overlaps between the respective programmes, it is in the interests of all parties for the participants to not unnecessarily repeat or attain no acknowledgment for achievement.

RPA acknowledges practice that occurs when the participant is a or new or prospective participant. Organisations and Award Staff practice uses RPA to the mutual benefit of all parties.

3. How RPA will be applied

RPA acknowledges practice that occurs when participants are active in a range of activities within an agreed co-delivery arrangement. It is the intention young people be encouraged to develop a skill, do a service and undertake activity (physical, outdoors, or exploratory) to the most skilled level they can achieve, while not to repeating the activity unnecessarily. How RPA is applied will be reflected in the MOU between the Award and the delivery agency.

4. RPA in New Zealand

- **Overview:** RPA of up to three months can be used for activity achieved in the previous 12 months if the participant is currently fully engaged with or a member of the co-delivery agency. RPA is to be agreed when the participant first registers for the Award. It will not be applied retrospectively outside these guidelines.
- **Evidence:** Participants requesting RPA are required to provide evidence to their Award Leader to satisfy them that the RPA being claimed is valid and fits the Award requirements for the section and level at which it is being claimed.
- **All Bronze Participants** can use evidence of RPA to gain credit for up to three months of their major section which means that the major section is engaged with for six months less the RPA given, rather than for six months. (This would usually mean doing the major section for five, four or three months or the weekly equivalent thereof)
- **Direct Silver and Gold Participants** can use RPA to reduce the extra time they need to do in one section from six months to three months with the understanding that if used at Direct Silver and they progress to Gold after Silver is completed, they cannot use any RPA at Gold.
- **Adventurous Journeys** Participants can use RPA for some or part of their Adventurous Journey provided the activities meet with the 'Spirit of the Award' and the Award Leader approves it. If RPA is used for the Adventurous Journey it cannot be used for another section as well

- **Residentials** Direct Gold Participants can use their RPA for their Residential Project on the understanding that this means they cannot also use it to reduce the length of any sectional activity

5. How RPA is recorded

RPA is to be recorded in the Online Record Book. RPA at registration is for the Award Leader to back date the registration to the date any RPA activity would have started. The Participant must log the RPA activity in blocks of four hours every 28 days under the relevant section and clearly put “RPA activity” in the log.

6. RPA and Co- delivery Partner Organisations and AAPs

National Office agree the terms relating to RPA when agreement is reached for co-delivery.