

Division:	Education and Training Administration	Ref. No.	ETA-SET-006
Department:	Surgical Training		
Title:	Recognition of Prior Learning		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy has been developed to provide trainees in the College Surgical Education and Training (SET) Programs with the opportunity to receive Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer (CT).

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is the formal recognition of the skills and knowledge that a person has obtained external to their College training program. Credit Transfer (CT) is an arrangement to give a standard level of credit or formal recognition to individuals who have previously achieved competence in a training or educational environment external to the College. Credit transfer assesses a course or component to determine the extent to which it is comparable to a College course.

2. KEYWORDS

Recognition; Prior; Learning; Credit; Transfer

3. RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

- 3.1.1. The Board or Committee directly responsible for administering the activity for which the exemption is requested will consider applications for RPL and CT.
- 3.1.2. RPL and CT is not available for the following examinations provided by the College (with the exception of 3.1.3 and 3.1.4):
 - a. Fellowship Examination
 - b. Clinical Examination
 - c. Generic Surgical Sciences Examination
 - d. Specialty Specific Surgical Sciences Examination
- 3.1.3. Trainees may be granted RPL for the Generic Surgical Sciences Examination if they have completed the Surgical Sciences examination of the former College Basic Surgical Training program and can demonstrate continuous medical practice.
- 3.1.4. Trainees may be granted RPL for the Clinical Examination if they have completed that examination of the former College Basic Surgical Training program and can demonstrate continuous medical practice.
- 3.1.5. The College publishes on its website a list of skills courses that are equivalent to the ASSET, CCrISP, EMST and CLEAR courses and for which RPL will automatically be granted when supported by a certificate of completion.
- 3.1.6. Specialty Training Boards will publish regulations governing RPL for clinical experience, research and any other skills courses and examinations which it administers and that form part of the SET Program.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

RACS Regulations
Specialty Training Board Regulations

5. GLOSSARY

Research The pursuit of new and original knowledge in surgery.

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