

NATIONAL DIPLOMA: ECD LEVEL 5

THROUGH

"RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING"

The South African Qualification Authority (saqa), in its unit standard qualification ID 64650 document states that 'The qualification may be achieved as a whole or in part through the recognition of prior learning'

We offer the full qualification through the process of recognition of prior learning (RPL)

WHO MAY FOLLOW THIS ROUTE? THOSE WHO HAVE:

- Minimum of 3 years' experience working in the grade R phase &
- Ecd level 4 or matric with applied competence in core of level 4 &
- Currently employed permanently or voluntarily at an ECD Centre ecd (centre must have grade R phase)

HOW IT WORKS

Your competency in the knowledge and skills that were acquired through informal, non-formal, workplace experience or part qualification is assessed against all the specific outcomes outlined in the saqa unit standard for the National diploma: Ecd level 5(64650) and competence is validated.

Process involves the gathering of evidence (POE) of relevant experience, theoretical assessment, practical assessment and final integrated summative assessment.

TIME-FRAME

Portfolio building can be built between 3 to six months

WHY CHOOSE RPL

Convert your experience to qualification!

- You don't attend lengthy training programmes or classroom training
- Don't have to repeat content that you already know. RPL allows you to skip redundant training, significantly shortening the time it takes to get certified compared to traditional studying.
- No back-up plan required at Ecd Centres when Practitioners must attend classes. No lengthy classes!
- Reduces Costs: By only testing your knowledge rather than requiring full coursework attendance, RPL is a more budget-friendly route for working practitioners - save on transport costs.

- Time-Friendly: You work at your own pace. You schedule your time for your building of portfolio in accordance with your convenience. You inform assessor when you are ready to be assessed.
- Efficient identification of skills gap will benefit both the candidate and Ecd Centre bridge those gaps. Coaching is offered to correct gaps.

STEPS

- Supporting documents of Candidate's curricula vitae of personal information background, workplace experience background, and educational background is evaluated and then deemed a suitable RPL candidate.
- Candidate is advised on the process and given the necessary guidelines to be followed in compiling the Portfolio of evidence and Practical assessments. All study units for all modules are made available to candidates via email for additional reference for theoretic and final summative assessment.
- Assessor evaluates POE and practical work. If any gaps are identified, coaching is given to correct and meet gaps. Support is given to meet required competency. Assessor deems candidate competent when found competent.
- Internal Moderator evaluates/moderate POE
- ETDP SETA conducts external moderation
- ETDP ENDORSES RESULTS AND ISSUES CERTIFICATE FOR QUALIFICATION: NATIONAL DIPLOMA: ECD LEVEL 5(64650)
- Graduation Ceremony is held

AI GENERATED BENEFITS OF RPL

1. Recognition of Existing Experience

- **Validates Real-World Knowledge:** RPL acknowledges skills gained through work experience, informal training, workshops, and volunteering, allowing you to turn on-the-job expertise into a recognized, formal qualification.
- **Corrective & Equitable Access:** It serves a critical role in addressing past educational inequities, giving seasoned practitioners access to higher qualifications.

2. Time and Cost Efficiency

- **Faster Qualification Pathway:** RPL allows you to skip redundant training, significantly shortening the time it takes to get certified compared to traditional studying.
- **Reduces Costs:** By only testing your knowledge rather than requiring full coursework attendance, RPL is a more budget-friendly route for working practitioners.

3. Career Advancement & Professionalism

- **Opens Career Doors:** A formal Level 5 Diploma is often required for promotions or to meet the Department of Basic Education's requirements.

- **Bridge to Level 6:** The diploma provides a direct route for practitioners with a Level 4 qualification to access higher education (Level 6).
- **Boosts Credibility:** It converts years of hands-on work into a formal credential that boosts professional status, confidence, and job security.

4. Tailored for Working Practitioners

- **Minimal Disruption:** RPL is flexible, designed to allow you to continue working while achieving certification, as it focuses on gathering evidence of work you already do.
- **Focus on Competence:** Instead of exams designed to test theoretical memorization, RPL assessments focus on practical, applied competence in an ECD context.

Summary of Benefits for 64650

By choosing RPL for the National Diploma in ECD Level 5, you are choosing to:

- **Leverage 3+ years of experience** to gain a 240-credit diploma.
- **Bridge the gap** between informal, non-formal, and formal learning.
- **Improve employment prospects** in centres, Grade R, or by managing your own creche.

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