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*Recognition of Prior
Learning (RPL)*

- **Your experience could translate into direct access to study at UNAM**
- **Another mode of application to gain access to study at UNAM**

Introduction:

RPL emerges from a global inclination in this century to increase a students' access to education, by articulating various types and levels of education with each other, so that there can be lifelong learning and no-one is barred from higher education.

The RPL process can help prospective students acquire a formal qualification that matches their knowledge and skills, and in this manner contribute to improving their employability, mobility, lifelong learning, social inclusion and self-esteem.

What and Why RPL:

RPL application is another mode of application to gain access to UNAM academic programmes.

- The aim of RPL is to provide potential candidates an opportunity to have their competencies, skills and knowledge gained through non-certificated learning contexts recognised and assessed to gain them admission to study and obtain a University qualification. In addition, RPL is located within the broader context of the National Policy on RPL, the University of Namibia's Act 18 of 1992 and UNAM's vision of driving towards a knowledge-based economy, economic growth and improved quality of life.
- RPL refers to the principles and processes through which the prior knowledge and skills of a person is made visible, mediated and rigorously assessed and moderated for the purpose of alternative access and admission, recognition or further learning and development.

- The RPL principle recognises that people learn in various ways and in the process gain knowledge, skills and competencies through: **work experience, on the job training, attending courses and workshops, formal studies as well as through community involvement and life experience.**

In the end, if you are successful in the RPL assessment process, you may gain admission to an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at UNAM.

Programmes open for RPL applicants:

The following selected programmes, at either diploma, bachelor degree or master degree level, will be admitting successful applicants through RPL applications:

1. Education
2. Law
3. Media
4. Nursing Science (Clinical)
5. Visual Arts disciplines

Application and RPL assessment process:

1. Download the RPL application form, complete the form and submit form with all supporting documentation and proof of payment to the nearest Campus or Regional Centre.
2. The Office of the Registrar makes a recommendation about the RPL application to the relevant department. The Assessor(s) decide(s) on granting an RPL assessment.
3. A date will be communicated to you to

arrange for a meeting with the RPL Committee to assist with your portfolio development, the RPL process and costs.

4. Pay the RPL assessment fee to register for RPL assessment.
5. The Assessor does the assessment and makes a recommendation to the Admissions and Examinations Committee for final approval.
6. If the RPL assessment process is successful, the full application is forwarded to the Faculty Officer for final admission and feedback is provided on the outcome.
7. Post assessment support is provided (if needed).
8. If unsuccessful, the candidate may appeal by contacting the Office of the Registrar.

Application and RPL assessment fees:

- Application N\$150 (Namibia) and (international student: N\$300).
- Assessment fees: N\$600 (Namibia) and N\$700 (international).