

Recognition of Prior Learning

RDA is committed to training coaches under a quality coach education system accredited with the Australian Sports Commission. RDA training is competency based and all assessments must meet the criteria of:

- **Valid** – a qualification that has been obtained within the last 4 years or evidence of update training completed.
- **Relevant** – training is comparable to RDA's coach education system, with a reputable training institution.
- **Fair** – all assessments of prior learning will consistently follow pre-determined criteria.
- **Flexible** – evidence may be provided in writing, by observation, through references or video.

Which external qualifications can be recognised?

- Pony Club NCAS Level 1 coach.
- Equestrian Australia NCAS Intro coach.
- Equestrian Australia NCAS Level 1 coach (or above)
- Overseas RDA equivalent qualification with CANTRA (Canada), NZ RDA (New Zealand), RDA UK (Britain), PATH (USA).

What credits will I receive towards my RDA qualification?

The following units of the RDA Level 0 and Level 1 qualification will be credited for:

Pony Club / Equestrian Australia Coaches

- Unit 3 – Role of the Coach
- Unit 5 – Horsemastership
- Unit 6/7 – Saddlery and Tack
(except for questions relating to adaptive equipment)
- Unit 8 – Teaching Riding Skills (Level 0)
- Unit 11 – Polework
(except EA NCAS Intro coaches)

The following units of the RDA Level 0 and Level 1 qualification will be credited for:

Overseas RDA equivalent qualifications

- Unit 3 – Role of the Coach
- Unit 4 – Medical Conditions *(except for questions on contra-indications)*
- Unit 5 – Horsemastership *(except for questions on feeding horses in Australia)*
- Unit 6/7 – Saddlery and Tack
- Unit 7/8 – Mounting and Dismounting
- Unit 8/9 – Teaching Riding Skills

(i.e. you do not have to complete these competencies from the RDA Workbooks as similar competencies are included in your existing qualification).

How can I apply for recognition of my current qualification?

The Application to Train forms include a question about recognition of current qualification. To apply, send a copy of your Application with your certificates, accreditation card and/or letters of support.

RDA Australia will send you a letter listing the Units of Competency that you are credited for.

When you are being assessed, show this letter to the RDA National Assessor and they can cross through and sign the relevant Sign-Off Assessments sheets as RPL.

What if I have another qualification that is not listed above?

You can still apply for recognition of prior learning to RDA Australia but you will need to provide evidence of the competencies that your qualification includes (a letter from the training provider) and your application will be assessed on its merits.

