

Appeal against recognition of prior learning and credit transfer – College Appeals Committee (CoIAC)

Information sheet

This form is to be completed by

Students who have been denied recognition of prior learning or credit transfer and wish to appeal against the decision to the College Appeals Committee (CoIAC).

Submission requirements

In order to make this appeal submission you must:

1. have enrolment in the relevant program
2. have received a **denied** outcome for a recognition of prior learning or credit transfer application
3. have received a 'stage 1: school or college review' of the outcome from the school, college or relevant admission area responsible for the decision
4. lodge the completed form and supporting documentation/evidence to the college office responsible for the course (Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor) no later than 20 working days from the date you were advised of the credit decision (the appeal deadline). Please note, you must complete the School or College review within this timeframe or you will miss the appeal deadline.

Your appeal submission must clearly explain how the ground(s) of appeal apply to your concerns and be supported by your evidence. In general, your submission should be no longer than 10 pages.

Please note, disagreement with academic judgement is not a ground of appeal, and a submission made on this basis is unlikely to be successful.

In order to protect University IT systems and the integrity of your appeal submission, the complete appeal form and supporting documentation will only be accepted by email in PDF and JPG formats. If you believe the circumstances of your appeal require submission in alternative formats, please contact the CoIAC secretariat for advice immediately.

What will happen next? Will I be granted a hearing of the CoIAC?

In lodging an appeal, you are requesting a hearing of the CoIAC to consider your appeal against recognition of prior learning and credit transfer application outcome.

Following receipt of a complete appeal submission the college Deputy Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) will, within 20 working days, decide whether your application satisfies the submission requirements and the ground/s of appeal you have selected on page 2 of this form.

Where the eligibility criteria have been deemed:

- (a) to have been met – a hearing of the CoIAC will be arranged and we will advise you of the date and time accordingly
- (b) not to have been met – your request for a hearing will be denied and we will advise you accordingly. This communication will explain the reasons for the determination and also advise you of your right to seek an external review of the decision.

Communication

Your RMIT student email account will be used for correspondence related to your appeal.

Further assistance

1. We strongly recommend that you read the University regulations, policies and processes governing credit and student appeals:
 - Regulations: policies.rmit.edu.au/document/view.php?id=190 (refer to Part C)
 - Policy: policies.rmit.edu.au/document/view.php?id=126 (refer to 13)
 - Processes: policies.rmit.edu.au/document/view.php?id=37 (refer to 56–59)
2. For advice on the appeal process or how to complete the form please contact the relevant CoIAC secretariat:

Business and Law (Business Connect) Building 80, Level 7 Tel. +61 3 9925 5680 Email: bus.appeals@rmit.edu.au	Design and Social Context Email: dsc.appeals@rmit.edu.au	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Email: STEM-College-PLG-Appeals@rmit.edu.au	Vocational Education Building 1 Email: ve.quality.policy@rmit.edu.au
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3. You can also contact the RMIT Student Union for advice and support: rusu.rmit.edu.au
 To make an appointment with a student rights officer, tel. +61 3 9925 5004 or email student.rights@rmit.edu.au

Privacy

Information supplied as part of your appeal submission will be treated in a confidential manner in accordance with the RMIT *Privacy policy* and the provisions of other relevant state and Australian Government information handling acts, regulations and statutes. Refer to rmit.edu.au/privacy.

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Section E – Stage 2: Appeal against a credit decision to the CoIAC

You must demonstrate that:

1. your credit application was lodged on time, in the correct manner, and all the relevant documentation was provided.
2. your application satisfied the requirements of relevance, currency and equivalence of learning/competency outcomes required for credit.

You must demonstrate that you satisfy at least one of the following ground/s of appeal (please tick):

- You have evidence that the decision was not compliant with the admission and credit policy or credit process.
- You have evidence that the decision was influenced by personal bias.

Where you refer to a policy or process, please specify the relevant section of that document and explain how it relates to your case.

Please state your case against the ground/s of appeal you have selected.

Section F – Supporting documentation/evidence

In order to establish your case, please provide documentary evidence to support the ground/s of appeal you've selected.

If you provide evidence that is in a language other than English, you must also provide an English translation by a NAATI-accredited translator.

All timely submissions will be considered complete on submission. If you need to support a timely appeal with further evidence that can't be provided with this appeal submission, *you must obtain approval from the CoIAC secretariat before submission.*

Section G – Student declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is accurate. I've read and I understand the information about the appeals process presented on this form and confirm that:

- I have enrolment in the relevant program.
- I have received a denied outcome for a recognition of prior learning or credit transfer application.
- I have received a 'stage 1: school or college review' of the outcome.
- This appeal submission is complete and lodged within the appeal deadline or I've obtained approval from the CoIAC secretariat to submit evidence outside of the appeal deadline.
- I authorise RMIT to contact the issuer of the evidence provided to confirm and/or clarify the information.
- I understand that if I don't meet the eligibility criteria defined on page 1 of this form my appeal submission won't proceed to a hearing of the CoIAC.

Office use only

Date stamp

Student signature _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Submission instructions

You're required to complete and submit pages 2 and 3 of this form, together with any supporting documentation/evidence.

You must ensure your appeal is submitted by the appeal deadline. Late appeal submissions cannot be accepted, unless there is evidence of exceptional circumstances preventing timely submission.

Submit your appeal by email in PDF or JPG format from your RMIT student email account or registered personal email account to your college office:

Business and Law (Business Connect) CoIAC Secretariat Email: bus.appeals@rmit.edu.au	Design and Social Context CoIAC Secretariat Email: dsc.appeals@rmit.edu.au	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics CoIAC Secretariat Email: STEM-College-PLG-Appeals@rmit.edu.au	Vocational Education CoIAC Secretariat Email: ve.quality.policy@rmit.edu.au
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