Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in Literacy in Mauritius

Conference on Recognition of Prior Learning in Adult Learning & Skills Development
A key to lifelong learning

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OBJECTIVES OF THE MAURITIUS QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

to develop, implement and maintain a National Qualifications Framework

to ensure compliance with provisions for registration and accreditation

to ensure that standards and registered qualifications are internationally comparable.
## Overview of the Framework

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The Mauritian RPL Model

Recognition of Prior Learning

RPL in Adult Literacy

The MQA Act

to develop, implement and maintain a National Qualifications Framework
to recognise and validate competencies for purposes of certification obtained outside the formal education and training systems
Collaborated with the MQA to launch the Sensitization Programme

Assisted the MQA to develop the Policy and Criteria for RPL

Trained MQA Staff, RPL Facilitators & Assessor and also conducted an Audit

Local Stakeholders which supported the implementation of RPL within the Mauritian system
THE MAURITIAN RPL MODEL

Applicant seeking RPL

Stage 1

MQA pre screens application

Stage 2

MQA facilitates the portfolio development

Stage 3

Applicant assessed against selected qualification

Credit granted through record of learning or qualification

Applicant informed

Progression lifelong learning

RPL Process

Stage

1

2

3

Not complete

Not complete

Applicant does not meet standard

Applicant informed
RPL Pilot Projects

- In 2007 & 2008, the MQA conducted two pilot projects
- 1st pilot project in Tourism with 25 candidates
RPL Pilot Projects

• Reviewed RPL Policy

• 2nd pilot project in Construction with 22 candidates
June 2009
RPL
Launched in 4 Sectors

Tourism
Printing
Construction
Plumbing
Literacy Programmes

- Caritas Ile Maurice Functional Literacy Programme
- NPCC English Literacy Using IT
- MQA NC in Adult Literacy
- MITD Second Chance programme
- MQA RPL in Adult Literacy
- First Intake for RPL in Adult Literacy

Year Timeline:
- 2000
- 2006
- 2007
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
Literacy Landscapes in Mauritius

MQA Approved Tis
NPCC Centres
Caritas Ile Maurice
RPL in Adult Literacy

- Currently in collaboration with Caritas Ile Maurice to assist 24 learners towards the attainment of the NC Level 1 in Adult Literacy

- Launched in 2010
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Our Vision: Valued Qualifications for Employability & Life Long Learning