

Certificate II Split Systems: UEE20120 case study

The UEE20120 Certificate II in Split Air-conditioning and Heat Pump Systems is one pathway to achieving the ARCTick Restricted heat pump, split systems – installation and decommissioning licence.

Typically, to complete the UEE20120 course would take approximately one year part-time off the job training with a registered training organisation (equating to a nominal duration of 370 hours), in addition to one year of relevant full time on the job training with an employer. The Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 outline which qualifications (national quality council endorsed) are aligned to each licence.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) may be applicable to people that can demonstrate they have already achieved some of the stated competencies listed below. The RPL is a rigorous process, which is evidenced-based – not a ‘tick the box’ exercise. The following example is for a qualified electrician applying for recognition of prior learning (advanced standing) into the Certificate II course. The highlighted dark blue competency units may have been covered in an electrical trade course and may be granted as RPL. However, as can be seen from this example, even with the maximum RPL, there is still substantive additional work (230 nominal hours) required to obtain the qualification.

CORE COMPETENCY UNIT CODE	CORE COMPETENCY UNIT TITLE	NOMINAL HOURS
UEECD0007	Apply work health and safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace	20
UEECD0016	Document and apply measures to control WHS risks associated with electrotechnology work	20
UEECD0019	Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components	40
UEECD0020	Fix and secure electrotechnology equipment	20
UEECD0027	Participate in development and follow a personal competency development plan	20
UEECD0051	Use drawings, diagrams, schedules, standards, codes and specifications	40
UEERA0049	Install and start up single head split air conditioning and water heating heat pump systems	70
UEERA0059	Prepare and connect refrigerant tubing and fittings	40
UEERA0064	Recover, pressure test, evacuate, charge and leak test refrigerants - split systems	60
UEERE0001	Apply environmentally and sustainable procedures in the energy sector	20
Elective Units		20
Source: www.training.gov.au and Victorian Purchasing Guide		
TOTAL NOMINAL HOURS		370

What is RPL?

If a person can demonstrate they have the relevant skills and/or experience, they can get a recognition of prior learning (RPL) assessment. This is done against a qualification, without having to complete the full training and assessments.

RPL is a detailed and thorough assessment process that assesses a person's previous experience and training to determine whether they have the required learning and competencies as they relate to a specific qualification.

Document types used as Evidence

In order to recognise your prior learning through informal and formal sources, the assessor will need to have evidence that you are competent. Evidence can be in many forms, for example:

- other Qualifications
- in-house training certificates
- examples of work produced
- workplace reference
- statement of duties
- work project
- minutes of meetings attended or conducted
- documents showing organising/supervisor skills
- awards, commendations, certificates of merit
- a demonstration

This evidence presented will be matched against the Performance Criteria stated in the Unit of Competency. The assessor may find it necessary to ask questions about the evidence or ask you to perform work activities or a test to provide evidence where there are gaps between what you have provided and what is required.

Selected TAFEs and registered training organisations can perform RPL assessments, as well as VET assessment provider VETASSESS.

The RPL process

