Transcript – What is RPL video

One other question we commonly have come up is "What is RPL?"

RPL is Recognition of Prior Learning

What does this mean?

RPL is a process whereby you are assessed and can complete one or more units or an entire qualification based on your e

This means you don't need to study and means you don't need to complete the usual training and assessment activities but instead your existing skills and knowledge are assessed. If you meet the benchmark requirements as per the qualification you can actually complete the unit or an entire qualification through the RPL process.

The thing about RPL though is the onus is on you to demonstrate you are competent. You need to provide a range of examples of evidence. It might be examples of job descriptions, it could include your CV. It could be examples of workplace documents such as risk assessments or risk register, for example. Or it may be a range of other related items, it could be certificates of courses you have attended and so on and so forth.

Quite often you are also required to attend what is called an assessment interview. In the assessment interview the assessor will ask you a range of questions to establish that you possess the required knowledge in relation to the particular unit you are being assessed in.

They may also ask some clarifying questions in relation to the specific evidence you have provided. For example, you might provide a risk register as part of your portfolio of evidence.

The assessor will ask you probably some questions around how you undertake risk assessment, what is risk, what are different treatment approaches or mitigation measures you might be able to use and so on. They will also probably dig into the particular evidence. They will say "Well, you have listed on here a high risk, why is that risk high? How did rate that risk as high?" They will test your underpinning knowledge but also probe into the specific evidence you have provided in your portfolio.

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