

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### ***Admission into Unisa qualifications using the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.***

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) uses the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process as an additional pathway to admit students in its qualifications.

The RPL process is designed to provide students who do not meet the statutory admission requirements of the qualifications but have gained work experience. It acknowledges previous knowledge, skills, and competencies for them to have access, mobility, and better career paths. It permits our prospective students to gain credits within formal certificates, diplomas, and degree qualifications offered by the university based on the level and extent of their knowledge.

This process is also a commitment to being responsive and student-centered through providing a supportive and enabling environment for students with work experience and skills to study further through UNISA's comprehensive open distance e-learning (CODEL) model and opportunities.

Whereas Unisa has been using the RPL process for many years, the community is unaware of this pathway. Unisa staff members are available to explain the benefits of the RPL process through the media.

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