

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Mechanism of the Hairdressing Industry
Special Application Arrangement regarding the end of the Appointment Period of the
Assessment Agency

The appointment period of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) as the RPL Assessment Agency of the Hairdressing Industry will come to an end on 30 June 2026. The VTC will no longer be able to arrange any assessment activities or issue any Statement of Attainment regarding the RPL mechanism of the Hairdressing Industry after the above-mentioned date. Since it will take time for the VTC to process the applications and to issue the certificates, the final deadlines for receiving RPL applications are set as follows:

Ways for obtaining RPL Qualifications	Cut-off Date for Receiving Applications*	Remarks
Through Assessment (applicable to Levels 1 to 4)	31 March 2026	If the assessments cannot be conducted on or before 5 June 2026, refunds will be arranged for the applicants concerned.

* Applicants must submit full set of the application documents (incl. application form and sufficient proof of work experience) and settle the assessment fees by the above cut-off date.

If applicants wish to submit the applications after the above cut-off date, please contact the Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS) for enquiries. For details, please refer to QFS website (<https://hkqf.gov.hk/bh/en/rpl>).

For enquiries of the above issues or further understanding on the RPL mechanism, please contact the RPL Unit of VTC at 3907 6868 or visit the RPL website (<https://rpl.vtc.edu.hk/en>).