



Recognition of Prior Learning for the Volleyball England Coach Award

What is Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Volleyball England's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is the recognition of a learner's prior formal learning – learning which has previously been formally accredited within an education system. This allows the learner exemption from Part 1 of the Coach Award course: the 1st4Sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching (Sport and Physical Activity).

Who is RPL designed for?

1. A volleyball coach who already has a Level 2 Coach qualification in any sport, obtained within the last 6 years, and is seeking to develop their competence in the delivery of specific volleyball disciplines.
2. A volleyball coach who is a graduate of a CIMSPA endorsed degree programme certified as meeting the coach professional standard.

Eligibility

Applicants must also meet the Coach Award eligibility criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age on the first day of the course
- Hold a Volleyball England Assistant Coach Award or equivalent
- Be able to deliver volleyball coaching sessions over the next six months
- Be a coach member of Volleyball England
- Have one of the specified Safeguarding and Protecting Children training and First Aid certificates prior to certification.
- Be able to communicate effectively in English (this includes listening, speaking, reading, and writing).
- Have access to a laptop/tablet, good Wi-Fi, and microphone to participate in virtual classroom sessions. Any special learning requirements must be made clear at the registration process.

How to apply for RPL

Applicants must apply before booking their place on a Coach Award course by submitting a copy of the qualification certificate, their full name, and the course they wish to attend to Coaching@volleyballengland.org. They will receive a reply within 7 days.

Successful applicants will be issued with a discount voucher code to use at the checkout for the cost of the Technical Module (webinars and face to face practical days). Applicants need a VolleyZone account to be able to book onto the course. Information about setting up a VolleyZone account and booking onto a course can be found [HERE](#).

Please allow sufficient time before the booking deadline for the RPL process. Volleyball England is unable to reserve places.

