**Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**

**Statement of Currency**

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| **Name of Student:** |  |
| **Course of Study at University of Cumbria:** |  |
| **Prior Qualification title:** |  |
| **Prior Qualification date:** |  |

In order to ensure that prior qualifications reflect recent advances in both theory and practice, the University of Cumbria deems the award of HE credit to have a ‘shelf life’ of 5 years for the purposes of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Therefore, we need to ascertain that you have kept your previous qualification up to date, in order to accredit you for this learning on your current programme of study.

Please write a statement to explain, in brief, how you have kept your qualification up to date. Where there have been significant changes in either theory or practice in the time since you obtained your qualification, you should show how you have developed an understanding of the changed approaches. This may be through work practice / research / continuing professional development or a combination of these. Your statement should not simply describe the learning achieved at the time but should seek to portray current developments in the field and include text and bibliographic references to relevant journals/ articles you may have used to update your learning.

You might evidence this updating in one or more of the following ways:

* Listing any relevant Continuing Professional Development, e.g. attendance at relevant courses or conferences (please give title of course and dates of attendance)
* Work based learning - developing or implementing new approaches (provide a brief summary)
* Personal research - reading relevant books, journals, articles in print or on-line (provide details)

It is advisable to use some reference sources to underpin your discussion.

Please write your submission overleaf and ensure you complete the Declaration below. Your statement will be checked by the relevant module/programme leader and, if satisfactory, your exemption will be confirmed to you in writing. If your submission does not satisfactorily demonstrate currency of learning you will be offered the choice of whether to re-submit or withdraw your application for RPL.

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| **Declaration** |
| **I confirm that I have written the attached Statement of Currency in support of my claim for recognition of prior learning (RPL).** |
| Signature |  | Date |  |

Please return the completed statement to: RPL@cumbria.ac.uk