



**Giving  
credit**

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ACU Student Veteran



**where  
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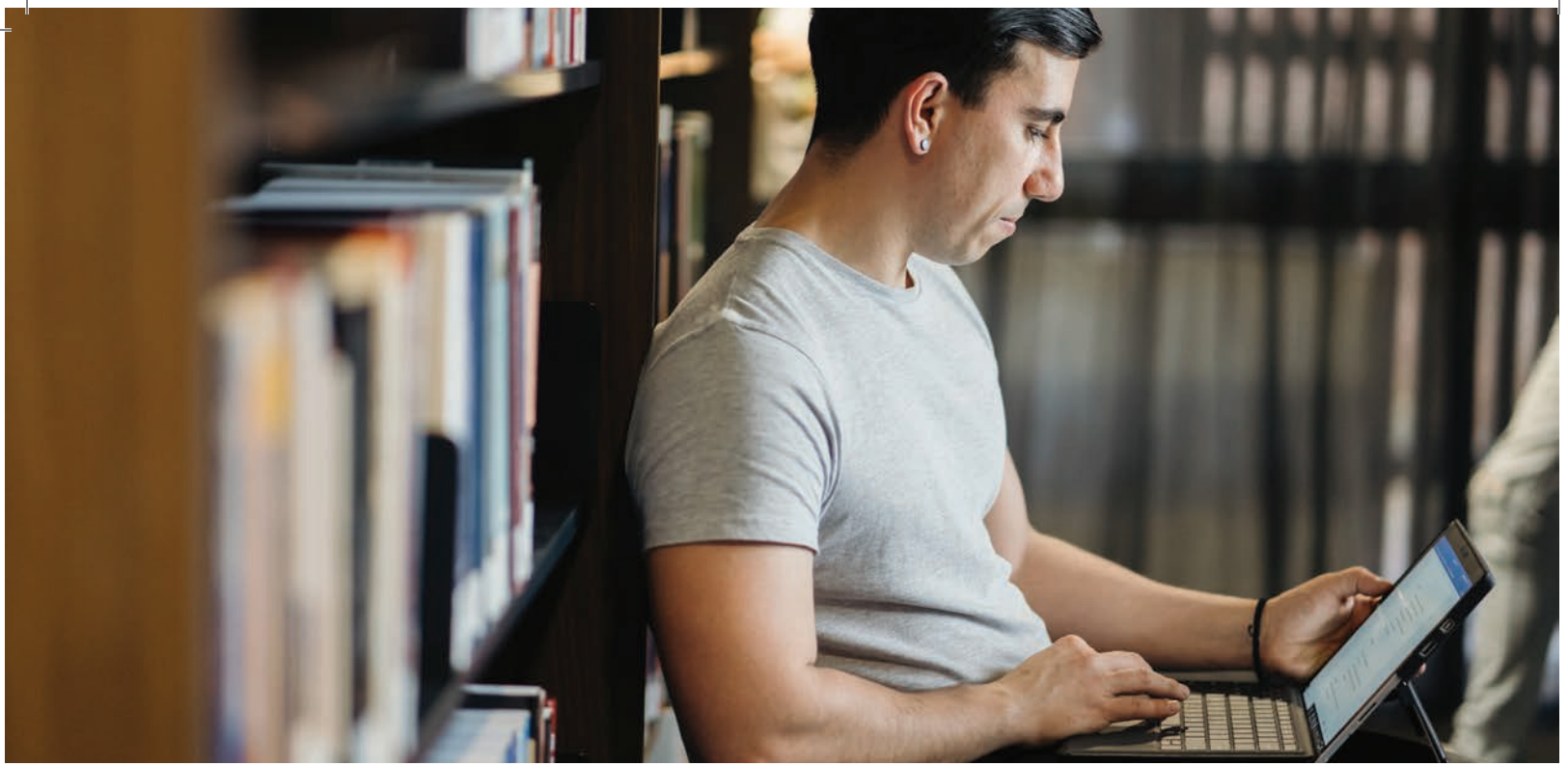
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING  
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Transitioning out of the military can be difficult for many veterans, with high rates of unemployment and mental health challenges. Undertaking higher education is an internationally recognised pathway from the military to civilian life. It helps veterans broaden their personal networks and creates a pathway to gainful employment.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) acknowledges the challenges involved in moving from the ADF into tertiary education. To help veterans with this transition, we have assessed current Australian Defence Forces (ADF) courses they have completed during their service. Student Veterans can have their service records assessed to determine how much Recognition of Prior Learning they are eligible for, resulting in credit towards over 40 ACU courses.



We looked at the Initial Employment Training and Promotion courses ADF members undertake.



Where appropriate ACU will provide veterans with credit in Recognition of this Prior Learning (RPL).



RPL can be used to reduce the duration and cost of a degree at ACU.

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## Gain credit towards an ACU degree

ACU will assess the student veteran's record of service to determine if they are eligible for specified or unspecified credit in Recognition of Prior Learning. More than 40 ACU degrees are eligible for RPL through this scheme. In recognition of their service to

country and community, ACU will grant transitioning ADF members' credit for the Core Curriculum unit, Justice and Change in a Global World. This credit is available for most undergraduate degrees.

# What RPL does ACU offer to student veterans?

For transitioning Australian Defence Forces (ADF) members, who are not officers, the amount of RPL available is linked to their Initial Employment Training (IET) and the rank they achieved during their service. The degree rules the student veteran is enrolled in also determines the amount of RPL available – some degrees simply don't have electives within their course rules and so RPL is unavailable.

Transitioning ADF members who are officers will have the opportunity to have RPL applied to ACU's Master of Business Administration (MBA) in recognition of the leadership skills and experience they have demonstrated during their service.

The MBA is a generalist business degree that provides analytical tools for decision-making and opens up careers in areas such as commerce, government, and a wide range of not-for-profit organisations.

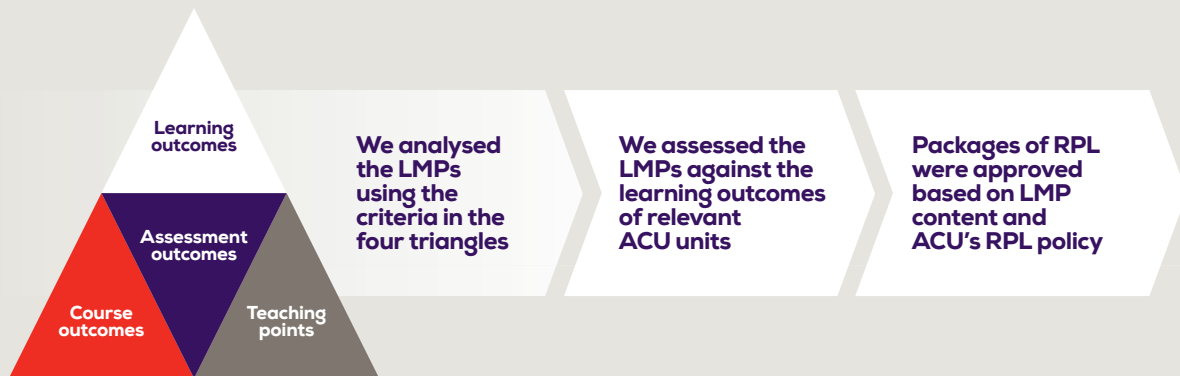
<p><b>Package 1</b> <b>Private</b> (RAN &amp; RAAF equivalent)</p>	<p>IET 4 Months – 10 Credit Points unspecified elective (Course Rules allowing) IET 6 Months – 30 Credit Points unspecified elective (Course Rules allowing) IET 12 Months – 60 Credit Points unspecified elective (Course Rules allowing) IET 18 Months – 80 Credit Points unspecified elective (Course Rules allowing)</p>
<p><b>Package 2</b> <b>Lance Corporal</b> (RAN &amp; RAAF equivalent)</p>	<p><b>Package 1 plus</b> BUSN113 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing)</p>
<p><b>Package 3</b> <b>Corporal</b> (RAN &amp; RAAF equivalent)</p>	<p><b>Package 1 plus</b> BUSN113 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing) MGMT214 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing)</p>
<p><b>Package 4</b> <b>SGT &amp; WOs</b> (RAN &amp; RAAF equivalent)</p>	<p><b>Package 1 plus</b> BUSN113 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing) MGMT214 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing) HRMG204 as specified credit (Course Rules allowing) OHSE201 or 1 unspecified elective (Course Rules allowing)</p>
<p><b>Package 5</b> <b>Officers</b></p>	<p><b>MBA Package</b> 40 Credit Points towards the MBA</p>



# How did ACU build a wide ranging RPL program for ADF members?

ADF members undergo rigorous training in well-structured courses which cover many topics and skills. The ADF has Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status ensuring that their training meets a number of nationally recognised TEQSA and ASQA standards.

ACU and our project partner, Australian Student Veterans Association, undertook the following assessment process:



## How can transitioning ADF members find out more about RPL?

The ACU Veteran Entry Program offers a distinct admissions pathway for ADF members which acknowledges their service to our country. Once a student, veterans will have access to a range of support programs, including the Student Veteran Support Program and Veteran Transition Program, which offer one-on-one assistance to help

the smooth transition to student life and support student veterans throughout their studies. Student Veterans Services will walk transitioning ADF members through the process of applying for RPL. ACU has a strong community on campus with a wide range of support services and encourages everyone to become involved in university life.

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