

Introduction

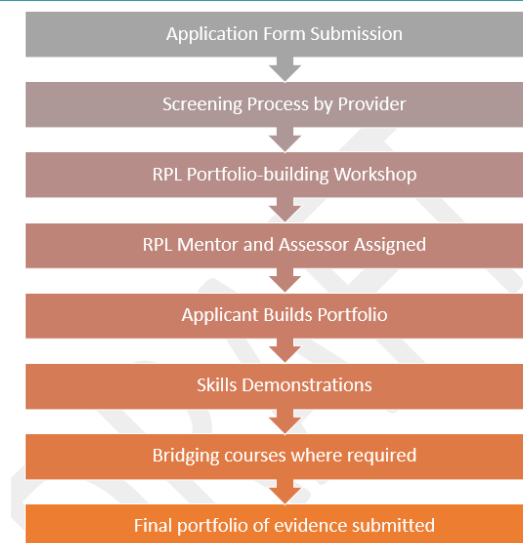
VPL in the National Hairdressing Apprenticeship happens three ways:

- 1) Non-standard entry into Stage 1 where an applicant does not meet the minimum entry requirements as specified in the validated programme
- 2) Advanced entry into Stage 2 of the programme only. No advanced entry for entry in Stage 3
- 3) Certification of the Major Award.

Major Award

- Pilot group of 8 applicants graduated in August 2022
- National roll-out began in 2023 following extensive evaluation and review of the process
- VPL Process currently in
 - Ennis (7 applicants)
 - Mallow (10 applicants)
 - Waterford (7 applicants)
- A new group will be starting in Ennis in the coming weeks
- This process is available nationally to all Collaborating Providers of the National Hairdressing Apprenticeship.

VPL Process Steps



Some Things to Consider

- Collaborating Provider's staff capacity for VPL engagement
- Co-ordinating Provider's resources for ongoing support
- Updates to apprenticeship programme mean updating VPL resources