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Article 4. The functions of the Council shall be to:-

(d) upon request, assess the equivalence of professional qualifications in pre-hospital emergency care obtained from institutions other than recognised institutions, both within and outside the state, and award the NQEMT as appropriate at the level of competence determined by Council.

1. Individuals can apply directly to a Recognised Institution for the recognition of prior learning (RPL) of any pre-hospital emergency care training that was obtained in Ireland from institutions other than Recognised Institutions or prior to PHECC's establishment. This also applies to holders of a PHECC database number who are not holders of the National Qualification in Emergency Medical Technology (NQEMT).
2. All applications must be made directly to a Recognised Institution that may carry out the necessary RPL and training. The RPL will be in accordance with the Recognised Institutions own policy and procedures. **Note:** there is no need to apply or pay fees to PHECC.
3. The objective of the RPL is to determine whether or not the applicant has acquired the body of knowledge/ competencies when compared to the EMT/Paramedic/Advanced Paramedic Standard.
4. The duration and scope of the training required shall be determined by the Recognised Institution on a case by case basis. In some cases, completion of the full didactic course including a portion or all periods of internship may be considered necessary.
5. Following training, all applicants will be required to attend and be successful in the NQEMT exam as relevant.