

# ***Validation of non-formal and informal learning***

Get your experience recognised

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The validation of non-formal and informal learning respects the fact that education also occurs outside of the formal school system. Thus a person's actual competence includes the abilities, skills and knowledge which s/he has acquired in various ways, including work experience, workplace training, leisure-time courses, formal education, social activities, family life and even other types of experience.

**The purpose of validating non-formal and informal learning is to evaluate informal education towards credits and to verify the person's skills.**

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**Austurbrú has over twenty employees, who work at offices spread throughout East Iceland.**

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**You might well ask:  
Why should I have my skills validated?**

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Doing so will allow you to begin in courses which fit your level of knowledge and ability. Such validation may also increase your confidence and improve your status in the job market.



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**>> Is such validation meant for me?**

- > Are you at least 23 years old?
- > Have you worked in this field for at least three years?
- > Were you in formal schooling only for a short time?
- > Do you want to get more education?
- > Do you want to strengthen your position in the job market?

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**>> How do I get my skills validated?**

- 1: Introduction and interview with an educational and vocational counsellor
- 2: Skills portfolio and self-assessment
- 3: Assessment interview
- 4: Follow-up: interview with an educational and vocational counsellor

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**>> Educational programmes**

- > You will be assessed into a secondary school programme, such as carpentry, industrial mechanics, fish technology, food technology, a programme for preschool assistants, etc.
- > Having your non-formal and informal learning validated will not cost you anything, as long as you have for instance not graduated from any secondary or vocational school, i.e. not completed any formal education after compulsory schooling (Grade 10 in Iceland).

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**The validation process can be carried out at any of the Austurbrú offices.**

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**Want to find out more?**

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*Contact Austurbrú for further information on validating your skills:*

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A person wearing a bright blue jacket and black gloves is seen from behind, standing on a rocky ledge. They are looking down at a river with milky, turquoise water that flows through a dark, rocky canyon. The river is surrounded by grey gravel and dark rocks. The person's hands are resting on the rocky surface. In the foreground, there is a patch of low-lying green and yellow vegetation.

  
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