

Admission and Credit Policy Schedules 1-7

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Explanatory statement

These schedules are made pursuant to cl. 1.1 of the RMIT Admission and Credit Policy.

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Schedule 1 - Minimum Age Requirements

1. An applicant must reach at least 16 years of age on the commencement date of the program in which they will enrol as a student.
2. Applicants who will study on an international student visa in Australia who will be under 18 years of age at the time they will commence in their program must satisfy additional requirements and provide written consent to their enrolment from a parent or guardian. The additional requirements will be advised at the time of offer.

Schedule 2 - Minimum English Language Entry Requirements

English language requirements for domestic applicants

For entry to undergraduate programs

1. Applicants with qualifications from English speaking backgrounds
 - 1.1. All applicants for whom the most recent qualification is the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) must achieve the following:
 - 1.1.1. for entry to bachelor degrees, a study score of at least 30 in Units 3 & 4 English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 25 in Units 3 & 4 English, Literature or English Language;
 - 1.1.2. for entry to associate degrees, a study score of at least 25 in Units 3 & 4 English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 20 in Units 3 & 4 English, Literature or English Language.
 - 1.2. For Schools Network Access Program (SNAP) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Scheme applicants, the English study score for admission to bachelor degree programs is five points lower than the published study score for the program.
 - 1.3. Applicants for whom the most recent qualification is:
 - 1.3.1. Year 12 in other Australian states or territories,
 - 1.3.2. New Zealand Year 13,
 - 1.3.3. the International Baccalaureate, or
 - 1.3.4. an overseas Year 12 qualification equivalent to one of the above from an English-speaking country recognised by RMITmust have achieved study scores in an English subject equivalent to the VCE subjects and scores listed above.
 - 1.4. Applicants who have completed tertiary study must have:
 - 1.4.1. successfully completed at least two courses (subjects) or 24 RMIT university credit points at Australian undergraduate level (or overseas equivalent), or
 - 1.4.2. successfully completed an AQF accredited award at certificate IV or above (or overseas equivalent)
 - 1.5. Applicants who do not meet the minimum English language requirements with formal study may satisfy the English language requirements by completing the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) multiple choice and achieving the following minimum scores:
 - 1.5.1. for entry to a bachelor degree, an overall score of at least 155
 - 1.5.2. for entry to an associate degree, an overall score of at least 150.
2. Applicants with qualifications from non-English speaking backgrounds
 - 2.1. Applicants for whom the highest qualification is an overseas Year 12
 - 2.2. If the qualification has been completed in a non-English speaking country, the applicant may meet the English requirement by:
 - 2.2.1. completing an accepted English Language proficiency test

- 2.2.2. completing a recognised qualification (including English language programs from approved English language providers)
- 2.2.3. completing the Certificate IV in English as an Additional Language
- 2.3. Applicants who have completed tertiary study

These applicants meet the minimum English language requirement by successfully completing one of the following:

- 2.3.1. at least two courses or 24 RMIT University credit points at Australian undergraduate level (or overseas equivalent) where the teaching and assessment was in English.
- 2.3.2. an AQF accredited award at Certificate IV or above (or overseas equivalent) where the teaching and assessment was in English.

Where the teaching and assessment was not in English, or the study undertaken overseas is not deemed equivalent, applicants may meet the requirements by:

- 2.3.3. completing an accepted English Language proficiency test.
- 2.3.4. completing an English language program from an approved English language provider.
- 2.3.5. Certificate IV in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

For entry to vocational education and postgraduate programs

- 3. There are no University minimum English language requirements for entry into vocational education and postgraduate programs for domestic applicants.

English requirements may be set for individual programs as part of the program entry requirements.

English language requirements for international applicants

- 4. The following applicants must satisfy the University's English language entry requirements:
 - 4.1. international applicants to RMIT Australia for whom English is not a first language, and who will be studying on any type of visa, and
 - 4.2. applicants for programs taught outside Australia for whom English is not a first language.
- 5. These applicants can satisfy the English requirement by:
 - 5.1. achieving, within two years before they will commence study in the RMIT program, the minimum score in an English language test approved by Education Committee and published on the English requirements web page, or
 - 5.2. presenting one of the qualifications specified below.

Qualifications that satisfy the English language entry requirement

- 6. Applicants may satisfy the English requirement for programs with an IELTS entry score requirement of 6.5 through successful completion of one of the following qualifications:

Programs delivered by an approved English language provider

- 6.1. Applicants must have completed an English language program delivered by one of the English language providers listed on the English language provider webpage within 12 months before they will commence study.

Secondary studies

- 6.2. Applicants must have:
- 6.2.1. completed the equivalent of Victorian Year 11 and Year 12 in a secondary school where English is the language of teaching and assessment, and minimum English language entry requirements
 - 6.2.2. achieved a satisfactory pass in an English subject assessed as equivalent to the VCE English subjects and scores in section 1 above within 2 years before the intended commencement date of study. For approved secondary school qualifications, please refer to the University's English requirements web page.
- 6.3. International applicants for vocational education programs who apply on the basis of the VCE must have achieved a study score of 20 in English as an Additional Language or 15 in any other English study.

Secondary studies in an English-speaking country

- 6.4. A list of English-speaking countries is approved by the Assistant Director, Pathways and Operations (International), and published online.
- 6.5. Applicants who have completed their secondary education in one of these English-speaking countries within two years before the intended commencement date of study are deemed to satisfy the University's English language requirement for programs with an IELTS requirement of 6.5 or less.
- 6.6. The two-year recency requirement does not apply to applicants who:
- 6.6.1. have held citizenship of the English-speaking country for at least five years; or
 - 6.6.2. have resided continuously in an English-speaking country since completing their secondary studies in an English-speaking country.

Foundation studies

- 6.7. Applicants must have successfully completed an RMIT Foundation Studies program or equivalent, including the minimum score as specified on the guaranteed pathway requirements webpage, within 2 years before the intended commencement date of study.

Vocational education studies

- 6.8. Successful completion of at least the equivalent of four RMIT semesters of full-time study (or part-time equivalent) in a vocational education qualification at AQF level 5 or 6 within the past five years, where English is the language of teaching and assessment.

Undergraduate studies

- 6.9. Successful completion of:
- 6.9.1. a bachelor degree within the past five years, or
 - 6.9.2. two RMIT semesters of full-time study (or part-time equivalent) in a bachelor degree within the past two years, where English is the language of teaching and assessment.

Postgraduate studies

- 6.10. Successful completion of
- 6.10.1. a postgraduate qualification, within the past five years; or

- 6.10.2. at least one semester full-time (or part-time equivalent) of a postgraduate qualification within the past two years, where English is the language of teaching and assessment.

Schedule 3 – Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for Preparatory Programs

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

1. Admission is subject to the requirements for admission to this program stated in the publications of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Foundation Studies programs

2. Successful completion of Australian Year 11 or equivalent.

Schedule 4 - Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for Vocational Education Programs

Certificate I, II, III and IV, diploma and advanced diploma programs

1. There are no university academic entry requirements for domestic applicants.
2. All applicants must complete an approved language, literacy and numeracy test before enrolment.
3. International applicants must have completed Victorian Year 12 or approved equivalent.

Apprenticeship and traineeship programs

4. Applicants must present a current, signed and valid Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Training Agreement.
5. All applicants must complete an approved language, literacy and numeracy test before enrolment.

Schedule 5 - Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for Undergraduate Programs

Where a qualification is stated below to meet a requirement, qualifications at higher AQF levels, or equivalent, also meet the requirement.

Associate degree and bachelor degree programs (including four year bachelor honours degree programs)

1. Applicants must have an Australian Senior Certificate of Education or one of the equivalent qualifications in the table below.
2. Alternatively, an applicant may satisfy the requirement if:
 - 2.1. they achieve an acceptable result in an approved aptitude test, or
 - 2.2. they provide evidence which satisfies the relevant manager of admission that they have sufficient work experience to enable them to complete their chosen program successfully.

Qualification type	Minimum academic requirement
Australian Year 12 (Victoria)	The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).
Australian Year 12 (other states)	The Australian Senior Certificate of Education for the State.
New Zealand Year 13	The National Certificate of Educational Achievement.
International Baccalaureate Diploma	The International Baccalaureate Diploma.
Foundation Studies	A Foundation Studies program offered by a registered TAFE, university or private provider that is accredited as a certificate IV or compliant with the Australian National Standards for Foundation Studies.
International secondary schooling	A qualification recognised by RMIT as equivalent to an Australian Senior Certificate of Education. See the Country equivalence webpage for recognised qualifications that are frequently presented by applicants.
Australian higher education studies	Satisfactory completion, on an award or nonaward basis at any university (including Open Universities Australia), of at least two courses (subjects) at undergraduate level equivalent in volume of learning to at least 24 RMIT University credit points.
International tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of study equivalent to at least 48 RMIT credit points in a program assessed as equivalent to an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification of Minimum academic entry requirements for undergraduate programs 5/1/2017 Page 2 of 2 at least AQF level 5.

Australian vocational education studies	Satisfactory completion of an AQF accredited award at Certificate IV or above.
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Double degrees

3. The level of achievement required for admission to a double degree will not be lower than the requirement for admission to either of the two component single degrees

One-year bachelor honours programs

4. Applicants for one year bachelor honours programs must hold a bachelor degree in a relevant discipline with an RMIT grade point average of at least 2.0. Where, however, the honours year program is not designed as a pathway to research training, but only to enhance students' preparation for their industry or profession, a lower GPA requirement may be approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education.

Schedule 6 - Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Coursework Programs

Where a qualification is stated below to meet a requirement, qualifications at higher AQF levels, or equivalent, also meet the requirement.

One-year bachelor honours year programs

See the *University entry requirements for undergraduate programs*.

Graduate certificate and graduate diploma programs

1. Applicants for graduate certificate and graduate diploma programs must hold:
 - 1.1. a bachelor degree; or
 - 1.2. an appropriate level of advanced professional experience relevant to the discipline area.

Master by coursework programs

2. Applicants for master by coursework programs must hold:
 - 2.1. a bachelor degree; or
 - 2.2. an appropriate level of advanced professional experience relevant to the discipline area.
3. Applicants for extended master programs must hold a bachelor degree.

Schedule 7 - Minimum Academic Entry Requirements for Higher Degree by Research Programs

Master by research programs

1. The minimum requirements for admission to a masters by research program are:
 - 1.1. a bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of full-time study in a relevant discipline awarded with honours. The degree should include a research component comprised of a thesis, other research projects or research methodology subjects that constitute at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year. The applicant must have achieved at least a credit average in the final year; or
 - 1.2. evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and/or experience that satisfies the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training and Development or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
2. At RMIT a grade of Credit represents academic achievement of 60% or higher.

Doctor of philosophy programs

3. The minimum requirements for admission to a PhD program are:
 - 3.1. a bachelor's degree requiring at least for years of full-time study in a relevant discipline awarded with honours. The degree should include a research component comprised of a thesis, other research projects or research methodology subjects that constitute at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year. The applicant must have achieved at least a distinction average in the final year; or
 - 3.2. a master's degree that includes a research component comprised of at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year with an overall distinction average or a master's degree without a research component with at least a high distinction average; or
 - 3.3. evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and/or experience that satisfies the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training and Development or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
4. At RMIT a grade of Distinction represents academic achievement of 70% or higher and a High Distinction is 80% or higher.

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