



Admission Requirements

1. Educational Qualifications for Admission

An applicant will be considered for admission to an undergraduate course under any one of the following categories (in accordance with AQF criteria). In addition the conditions in 2 below must be observed as this is a performance course.

- (i) The successful completion of the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) studying a music course with 60% success rate or higher, or its equivalent. If an applicant submits alternative secondary educational qualifications, the Academic Board determines whether the level of education attained is deemed equivalent to the level required for satisfactory performance in the NSW HSC. Applicants must supply a certified copy of their HSC or equivalent.
- (ii) An applicant who has successfully completed another undergraduate course or at least one full time year of study may be admitted. Applicants must supply the AICM with a certified copy of the Academic Transcript and testamur (where applicable).
- (iii) Mature age entry scheme. Applicants are required to provide a certified copy of their Birth Certificate.

An applicant will be considered for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance) course under any one of the following categories (in accordance with AQF criteria). In addition the conditions in 2 below must be observed as this is a performance-based course.

- (i) The successful completion a Bachelor degree with a major in music.
- (ii) An applicant who has not gained the above qualifications but who shows particular aptitude and/or professional experience may be provisionally admitted to the Graduate Diploma programme by special consideration of the Academic Board, and may have their candidature confirmed after one semester if they do not fail any components of the course.

2. Special Additional Conditions

The primary criterion for admission into the Bachelor of Music (Performance) is evidence of the applicant's talent and potential for making a career in the music industry. The applicant's talent and potential is tested by audition, interview and in some cases a musical knowledge test.

(i) Performance Audition

Applicants must designate the instrument in which they will major for performance studies. They must demonstrate in an audition, a high level of artistic potential and must comply with the audition requirements. In summary, the audition lasts approximately thirty minutes, requires the performance of four contrasting pieces at 7th grade AMEB level (or approved equivalent), technical work, sight reading and general knowledge of the works and composers studied, appropriate for this level.

(ii) Interview

In an interview, conducted as part of the audition, applicants must demonstrate a high level of personal commitment and motivation. They must be fluent in the English language, written and spoken (see also 2.8.3 below).

(iii) Musical Knowledge Test

An additional written music knowledge test will be given at a separate time to the audition if the applicant's academic record and/or educational experience does not show a level of musical knowledge

equivalent to 6th Grade musicianship/theory as set by a recognised body (AMEB, Trinity College, AGMS, ABRSM, IMEB) or higher.

(iv) Provisional Admission

Applicants may be granted provisional admission if they possess limited educational qualifications but audition requirements show potential for improvement, or if the applicant is entering the course as a Mature Age student (over the age of 21 by 1 March in the year of enrolment). Provisional admission allows the applicant to commence full time study with all student rights and benefits, with the understanding that progression through the course depends on their successful completion of first year and further demonstration of their potential. Upon successful completion of this provisional year, the student will be permitted to continue the course to its completion.

Provisional Status may be granted in the following cases:

a) Mature Age Admission

An applicant who will have attained the age of 21 years by 1 March in the year of intended enrolment may be admitted with provisional status (see iv above) if the Academic Board determines that such an applicant has attained a standard of education and/or experience adequate for entry to the course and has the aptitude required for undertaking the course.

There is no upper age limit for admission. However, mature age applicants are advised that the course requires heavy involvement in contact hours and extended private practise time that necessarily limits personal time and working time.

b) Special Admission

In special circumstances, an applicant who does not meet the requirements set out above but who demonstrates outstanding potential and aptitude required for undertaking the course may be admitted with provisional status by the Academic Board.

c) Recognition of Prior Learning

An applicant may be granted Recognition of Prior Learning for up to one academic year or single subject/s if they have completed another undergraduate course or at least one full time year of study in relevant areas at a suitable institution. Applicants must supply the AICM with a copy of their Academic Transcript. Applications for advanced standing will be decided by the Academic Board.

3. Assumed Knowledge or Skills

After satisfactory completion of the above entry requirements it will be assumed that applicants have musical knowledge at a level sufficient to enable them to successfully undertake the first year of study. In addition, as the course is taught in English, international applicants must show proficiency in written and spoken English at a level adequate to undertake the course. For the Bachelor of Music (Performance) and for the Diploma of Music (Performance) an IELTS level of 6.0 also (or a comparable grading in an AICM approved English test) must be attained prior to enrolment. On acceptance, for those at the base level of English proficiency, classes in English are run at AICM at no additional cost to the student.

Recognition of Prior Learning

The AICM ensures that an individual's prior learning is recognised, irrespective of how or where the learning has taken place. (See also Section 5.14) All students are advised of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy and procedure prior to enrolment. Applications for RPL are managed and assessed by persons with relevant qualifications under the approval of the Academic Board and are either a staff member teaching the relevant subject, or a senior member of the teaching staff. There is no financial charge levied for RPL assessment.

There are two types of applications:

- 1 Standard exemptions/credit for previous formally recognised training
- 2 Recognition of work and life experiences; including non-formally recognised training

RPL will be granted for subjects where it can be substantiated that the applicant has achieved the key learning outcomes.

Up to one year may be credited towards the course of study.

The procedure for granting of RPL is as follows:

- A student wishing to obtain RPL as described above will complete an *Application for RPL* and hand to Administration for processing.
- The application will be passed to the Secretary of the Academic Board (Academic Coordinator)
- The academic Board will consider the application at its next meeting, and will enlist the advice of additional qualified members of staff if required
- The student will then be notified in writing of the Academic Board's decision
- A record of the RPL application and decision is signed by the student and Chair of the Academic Board and a copy placed on their file

For overseas students the following additional procedures apply:

Where the RPL is granted to an overseas student which leads to a shortening of the course, then the following procedure applies:

- If RPL is granted before Visa grant, the eCoE issued to the student will reflect the shortened course duration
- If RPL is granted after Visa grant, the change of course duration will be advised via PRISMS

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