

## **AICM 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 or 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) To be eligible to apply for admission as a mature age student, candidates must meet all of the following criteria:

- a) be at least 21 years of age on 1 March of the year of entry to AICM
- b) not have a UAI or equivalent interstate or overseas qualification that would enable them to compete for normal admission
- c) not have been enrolled for at least two full-time semesters of study in a Diploma or higher level qualification
- d) satisfy the additional admission criteria for the course they wish to enter, e.g. artistic requirements, assumed knowledge, language requirements.

At the discretion of the Campus Dean the offer of a place to a mature age applicant may be provisional requiring the student to pass all enrolled units in the first semester of study

### **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.

**(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:

**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**

RPL will be granted for units where it can be substantiated that the applicant has achieved the key learning outcomes. Up to 50% may be credited towards the course of study.