

# Australian International Conservatorium of Music

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## Statement of Course Assurance

The Australian International Conservatorium of Music (AICM) is a member of the ACPET Australian Students Tuition Assurance Scheme (ASTAS), that guarantees course assurance coverage for all students and contributions towards their course fees. This is in compliance with the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* of the Australian Federal Government that Higher Education Providers are obliged to provide a course assurance arrangement.

Should the AICM or the Diploma of Music (Performance), Bachelor of Music (Performance) or Graduate Diploma in Musical Arts cease to operate, the ACPET ASTAS will place students in equivalent courses or provide them with a refund. No additional payment for the portion of the course paid to the AICM will be levied on the student. The ASTAS takes responsibility for ensuring students receive documented full credit for units of study completed at AICM.

In the event that the course assurance arrangements were needed, students will receive either a refund of contribution/tuition fees received by AICM for any incomplete units or funds already paid will be transferred with the student's agreement to the new provider with whom they enrol. The second provider might have a different student contribution or tuition fee for the course of study, so the amount students are required to pay may vary.

Students are not obliged to enrol in the course in which they are offered enrolment under the course assurance arrangement, but if they choose to enrol with a third provider there is no obligation to offer full credit transfer for the units of study completed.

This statement is published and provided annually to all enrolling students in the AICM Student Handbook. It has also been made accessible online via the AICM website:

<http://www.aicm.edu.au/apply-now.htm>