Admission and Enrolment Policy and Procedures



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1. Purpose

- This policy document sets out principles supporting admission to coursework courses accredited by the Analytics Institute of Australia (AIA).
- This document sets out the procedures supporting admission to coursework courses accredited by the Analytics Institute of Australia (AIA).

2. Scope

This policy and procedures apply to AIA admission requirements for domestic and international applicants to AIA undergraduate and postgraduate coursework courses. Information is also included on admission to non-award and to cross-institutional study at the AIA.

3. Principles

- Conditional Enrolment: Enrolment under a specified set of conditions including, but not limited to:
 stipulations such as passing a certain percentage of units, enrolling in a reduced number of units, attending
 study assist programs, attending English programs or other appropriate activities that will assist with
 student academic progression.
- The AIA values education as a transformative experience for all people irrespective of their origins, age,
 and circumstance.
- Admission to AIA courses is determined based on merit and perceived likelihood of being able to complete their course of study.
- For admission to all courses, international students must satisfy all visa requirements of the Department of Homeland Affairs



• Offers will be issued based on a student's eligibility for the course. If an applicant is not successful in their application for a program, they may be offered a place for which they are eligible.

AIA must not deliver more than one-third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education course by online

AlA must not deliver a course exclusively by online or distance learning to an overseas student in Australia.

or distance learning to an overseas student based in Australia.

AIA must ensure that in each compulsory study period for a course, an overseas student based in Australia

is studying at least one unit that is not by distance or online learning, unless the student is completing the

last unit of their course.

Admission criteria for a course will be as outlined in the relevant course requirements and its expected

learning outcomes.

Students admitted to a course should have a sufficient basis of prior knowledge and skills to achieve the

course learning outcomes and the learning outcomes.

Admission standards support the AIA mission and values and its approach to professional education while

emphasizing student access, choice, and flexibility.

Academic Board determines the general admission requirements set out in this policy and the specific

admission requirements for each coursework course.

• An academic leader may apply to Academic Board for additional or alternative admission requirements at

the time a course is accredited, or an existing course changed.

AIA publishes online the specific admission requirements for each course relevant to each year in which the

course is offered.

All admissions digital and printed literature will contain essential information including, but not limited to:

o Campus location

Information about visiting campuses

o Important dates for application, enrolment, and deadlines

Important contact details

ATAR requirements and eligibility

Student specific information

Special consideration

How international and interstate applicants are assessed

Pathways or enabling courses for those who do not meet entry criteria

General language proficiency requirements

Indigenous applicant information



o Course specific information

Prerequisites and corequisites

Work integrated learning as part of the course

4. Procedure

Introduction

a. This document provides details in the form of schedules on entrance ranks, alternative entry for

postgraduate courses, admission schemes for undergraduate courses, English proficiency requirements

and special provisions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

b. The attached schedules set out the various measures that will be used to assess an applicant's likelihood

of completing a chosen course.

c. On offer of a place students are informed of their rights and obligations, relating to fees, credit for prior

learning and information on changes to or withdrawal from offers.

d. An applicant who provides false or misleading information in their application for admission, or who

withholds information relevant to their application for admission to a course, may have their application for

admission cancelled or, where an offer of admission has been made, have their offer of admission

withdrawn by the Registrar.

e. Students suspended or excluded from other institutions need to meet AIA admission requirements or apply

for special consideration before they can receive an offer. Students may be admitted with conditions

relating to their academic progress.

f. Applicants wishing to change their course of study at the AIA after acceptance need to note that the new

application will be re-assessed to meet the admission requirements and advanced standing for the new

course.

5. Admission requirements

It is a requirement of all students applying for admission to AIA that they agree to this statement:

Analytics Institute of Australia's intellectual community relies on academic integrity and responsibility as the

cornerstone of its work. All students are expected to exhibit the highest level of personal and academic honesty

as they engage in all academic activities whilst a student of AIA. In practical terms, you must be responsible for

the full and accurate attribution of the ideas of others in all of your assessments and projects; you must be

honest when taking your examinations; you must always submit your own work and not that of another student,

scholar, or internet source. Students are responsible for knowing and correctly utilising referencing and

bibliographical guidelines. When in doubt, consult the AIA teaching staff or Library. Citation and plagiarism-

prevention resources can be found at the Library page on Academic Integrity.

Failure to observe these rules of conduct will have serious academic consequences, up to and including

dismissal from the AIA. If a member of AIA suspects a breach of academic honesty, appropriate investigative

and disciplinary action will be taken following AIA Policy and procedures. In taking enrolment to AIA, I agree to

adhering to all policy regarding Academic Integrity.

5.1 Domestic students

a. Admission to undergraduate courses, including associate degrees and diplomas, is generally based on

an entrance rank (refer to Appendix 1).

b. Admission to a postgraduate course is based on possession of an undergraduate degree or equivalent

as determined by Academic Board, provided that the qualification has been gained in a suitable area of

study (refer to Appendix 1).

5.2 International students

a. For admission to undergraduate courses, international students who have not completed an Australian

qualification must have appropriate educational qualifications, deemed by the AIA to be equivalent to

an Australian Year 12 certificate.

b. For admission to postgraduate courses, international students who have not completed an Australian

qualification must have appropriate educational qualifications, deemed by the AIA to be equivalent to a

bachelor's degree awarded by an Australian AIA or other higher education provider.

5.3 English proficiency

a. Minimum English language requirements apply to all students for entry to AIA courses. Some courses may

have higher English proficiency requirements than the AIA's minimum standards (refer to the English

Language Proficiency Policy).

b. A course with multiple offerings will have the same English Language Requirements regardless of where

and how it is delivered (refer to the English Language Proficiency Policy).

5.4 Minimum Age of Admission

Domestic and International students seeking admission in AIA undergraduate courses should be no less than

18 years of age.

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6. Equity and access

a. AIA admission criteria and processes consider equity and access considerations through provision for

pathway schemes and alternative entry admission schemes (see Schedules 2 and 3).

b. The Analytics Institute of Australia may approve undergraduate admissions schemes for purposes such as:

Paying special attention to the needs of Victoria and the surrounding region

Providing access to the educationally or socially disadvantaged groups

Addressing under-representation of designated groups as detailed in Schedule 3.

c. Each specific undergraduate admission scheme is approved by Academic Board (or a nominated

subcommittee of Academic Board) and is recorded in the following Schedules.

d. The Analytics Institute of Australia will monitor academic progress and provide appropriate learning support

to students admitted under any admission scheme (see Schedule 3), as detailed in the Student Support

Policy and Academic Progression Policy and Procedures.

5.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Strategy

a. AIA supports the admission and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through a

variety of strategies (refer to Schedule 5) and see the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

Policy.

5.2 Admission based on Recognition of Prior Learning and Equivalent Graduate Status

Recognition of Prior Learning enables admission based on learning acquired through means other than

formal study.

b. Equivalent Graduate Status is recognition of prior learning approved by Academic Board that enables

admission to postgraduate courses on the basis of a combination of pre-tertiary qualifications and work

experience or professional membership, in addition to any special requirements of a course.

c. Entry to some of the AIA courses is facilitated by articulation and credit transfer arrangements (see the

Advanced Standing, Credit Transfer and Articulation Policy and Procedures).

d. Information on exemption from some of the AIA units based on previous learning or past work experience

is covered in the AIA's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and Procedures.

7. Cross-institutional and non-award study

a. Students studying at other higher education providers can apply to study at AIA as cross-institutional

students. Students must provide written permission from the host higher education provider listing the

unit(s) approved for study and the fee status of the student.

b. Applicants can apply to undertake studies in one or more units as a Non-award Studies student. Non-

award study is normally undertaken by someone wishing to undertake study in a small number of units for

career enhancement or personal interests. Although applicants do not need to meet normal admission requirements, they must satisfy the AIA English language proficiency requirements. Acceptance into Non-

award Studies may be subject to unit quotas or individual unit prerequisites.

8. Deferring an Offer

a. An applicant may seek deferment of an Acceptance of Offer – see the AIA Deferral Policy. An applicant's

intention to defer should be communicated by the date specified in the Letter of Offer.

b. Offers to undergraduate courses may be deferred, normally for one year. The deferral offer is subject to

course availability, is automatic and does not need approval. An offer can only be deferred once.

c. Deferral of offers to postgraduate coursework courses will depend on course and place availability and fee

structure. The Registrar will determine, during each admission period, those postgraduate courses that can

be automatically deferred. The Course Convenor reserves the right to not allow deferrals in an admission

period. Deferrals are normally for one year and an offer can only be deferred once.

d. Applicants with a deferred status are guaranteed enrolment in the following year subject to:

Their eligibility for admission not changing e.g. exclusion or expulsion from studies undertaken

elsewhere.

• The AIA still offering the course to which they seek admission. The new offer is subject to course

availability and may not have the same course structure as the previous one. Where the AIA no longer

offers the course for admission, applicants may be offered a place in a comparable course of their

choice, provided they would have been eligible for admission when the initial offer of place was made,

and that they still meet the academic requirements of the new course offering and any advanced

standing is still relevant to course learning outcomes.

The fee type status of applicants remains unchanged.

e. Persons intending to take up their deferred Offer of Place are required to advise the Registrar by the

closing date for new applications for admission. A person who has a deferred Offer of Place but who

wishes to obtain admission to a different course must apply for admission in the usual way and be

considered with other applicants.

f. The option to defer acceptance to a course is only available once for that course.

9. Accepting an offer

a. Where an applicant has received offers to more than one course to commence in the same study period,

only one offer may be accepted, except where the Registrar agrees otherwise.

b. Applicants who receive and accept one offer but subsequently receive an offer to another course in the same period can choose either to keep the previous offer/acceptance and not accept the new offer, or accept the new offer and withdraw the previously accepted offer.

10. Admissions and Student Conduct Rules and Academic Progress Rules

- a. Students who have been suspended from the AIA must serve the term of their suspension (usually 12 months). Students may be readmitted with conditions relating to their academic progress refer to the Academic Progression Policy and Rules.
- b. A student who has been excluded or suspended under the AIA Student Code of Conduct Policy may not be admitted to a course of study or enrolled in a unit of study of the AIA during the period of suspension or exclusion.

11. Decisions and Right of Appeal

- a. Approximately two weeks after the evaluation interviews, prospective students are notified by email as to three potential outcomes: (a) acceptance (b) wait-list (c) regret.
- b. All admission decisions are made by the Registrar in consultation with the relevant Academic staff.
- Students and prospective students have the right to appeal an admission decision in accordance with the
 Student Grievance and Resolution Policy and Procedure

12. Roles and responsibilities:

istrar's Office is responsible for managing the processing of applications for n in accordance with guidelines set by the Academic Board including:
ngements with Victorian Tertiary Admissions Center (VTAC) to make
ents and offers on behalf of the AIA admission offer decisions are consistent
students in a timely manner of the outcome of their applications maintaining records ation decisions and the basis for these decisions so that the effectiveness of n criteria can be evaluated.

Registrar's Office	Is responsible for ensuring the schedules contained in this document are reviewed annually to reflect relevant strategic, regulatory, or other changes.
	Will provide rolling three-year reports annually to the Executive Leadership Group (ELG) on
	targets, offers and acceptances. Reports will include data on offers and acceptances in the following categories:
	Tertiary Admission Centers (such as VTAC)
	Direct admission Approved undergraduate admission schemes (see Schedule 3)
	Alternative entry – postgraduate courses (see Schedule 2)
	Internal students transferring to new courses
	Excluded students seeking readmission to the same or new courses
	Applicants who defer their offers.
	The Registrar's Office oversees the AIA's responsibilities regarding admission on behalf of the Academic Board.
	The AIA Registrar will approve any changes to the Schedules and Procedures and forwards
	them to Academic Board for approval.
Academic Board	Considers advice and recommendations from the Registrar's Office and any Admission subcommittees established by the Academic Board on all aspects of admissions. The Academic Board approves any changes to the Policy.

13. Governing policy and legislation

Admission requirements will comply with Government and AIA legislation and standards, and AIA policies and procedures. Implementation of the policy will be consistent with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and the Higher Education Standards Framework.

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SCHEDULES

Schedule 1: Undergraduate courses - entrance ranks

Admission to undergraduate degree courses, is based on an entrance rank. Some courses may have

additional or alternative requirements. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

a. Current Year 12 students. The Admissions Office uses the rank from an ATAR (Australian Tertiary

Admissions Rank). An ATAR can be achieved by completing Year 12 in an Australian secondary

school. Applications from current school leavers are usually processed through an Australian Tertiary

Admissions Centre. For Victorian students this is VTAC.

b. Previous Year 12 qualifications. Results from completing secondary study in Australia in previous

years will be converted to an ATAR equivalent. This rank is used to determine an applicant's eligibility.

These students can apply through an Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre or direct to the Analytics

Institute of Australia.

c. Other Australian qualifications. Applicants can also receive a rank from other study. This study can

include tertiary study, special admission tests and enabling programs. The highest level of success in a

qualification (ATAR or tertiary course Grade Point Average) is used to calculate a rank. A minimum of

two years full-time equivalent study must be undertaken for the tertiary study to be considered. Two

years full-time equivalent study in a tertiary level course overrides any secondary level and bridging

level qualifications. These students can apply through an Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre or

direct to the AIA.

d. Work experience. Work experience can also be considered in determining a rank. The skill level of this

work experience is determined by the information available on the ANZSCO (Australian and New

Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations) website. These students can apply through an

Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre, such as VTAC or direct to the Analytics Institute of Australia.

e. Overseas qualifications. Study overseas can be used to calculate a rank. The overseas qualification

can be assessed by AIA using the AEI-NOOSR (Australian Education International - National Office of

Overseas Skills Recognition) Country Education Profile (CEP) online service.

Schedule 2: Postgraduate courses – Entrance Ranks

a. Students admitted to a course will commence study with a sufficient basis of prior knowledge and skills

to achieve the course learning outcomes and the learning outcomes for the AQF qualification type and

level in the time available in the course. The AIA's standard minimum admission requirement for a

postgraduate coursework course is normally the completion of a bachelor's degree (AQF level 7).

b. Admission requirements may be in the same or in a different discipline to the undergraduate degree

and will be determined for each course according to the purpose of the postgraduate course or

sequence.

c. Where admission to a course requires prior study in the same discipline, guidance on what constitutes

the same discipline for the purpose of that course, in terms of relevant field(s) and amount of study, will

be included in the admission requirements in the Course Particulars.

Alternative Entry to Postgraduate Course - Recognition of Prior Learning

a. Applicants who do not possess an undergraduate degree may, subject to satisfying any special

requirements of a particular course, qualify for admission to that postgraduate course on the basis of a

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment of their current skills and knowledge.

b. RPL is the recognition of learning gained outside the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), which

are those awards normally offered in universities and the Vocational Education sector. RPL-based

admission refers specifically to learning from work or life experience and may include a combination of

un-credentialed or credentialed learning (see section 'Educational Access Scheme' below).

c. Admission granted based on RPL is not transferable to another course. A new application for RPL

needs to be made for each course preference.

Schedule 3: Approved Undergraduate Admission Schemes

Adjustment factors

a. Applicants who do not meet the normal entry requirements may be eligible for an adjustment to their

admission selection rank through the awarding of additional points. These applicants then compete on

academic merit for the places available.

b. There are three categories of available additional points and maximums available for each category as

follows:

Educational Access Scheme (EAS) = maximum 10 points

AIA Priority Group = maximum 5 points even when more than one group is applicable.

Overall, the total maximum additional points allowed is 15.

Educational Access Scheme

a. The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) assists immediate and recent school leavers of good

academic potential whose education has been disrupted or disadvantaged and who, consequently,

may not gain entrance to the degree course of their choice.

b. This scheme considers disabilities and/or disadvantages experienced by applicants in Years 11 and

12, or equivalent. If successful, this consideration will lead to additional points on their entrance rank.

The degree of disadvantage determines the number of additional points awarded.

c. Additional points are awarded under this scheme to assist students from remote or regional schools.

d. To be considered for additional points under EAS the applicant must be an Australian citizen, or a New

Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia, or a holder of an Australian permanent resident

humanitarian visa who applies for admission through an Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre such as

UAC.

e. The AIA may award up to 10 additional points under the EAS. The EAS is administered by an

Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre such as UAC. Students who do not apply for EAS consideration

via their UAC application can request 'Special Consideration' through the Registrar's Office.

AIA Priority Group - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

a. All applicants who are identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples are automatically

awarded five additional points. Applicants are encouraged to contact AIA prior to application.

Special Consideration

a. Any applicant who believes they have been disadvantaged and ineligible for assistance through one of

the above schemes may make written application to the Analytics Institute of Australia seeking Special

Consideration.

b. Students requesting Special Consideration will have their application reviewed by the Registrar in

consultation with the Academic Dean. Upon consultation, and if deemed appropriate, the Registrar

may award additional points to a maximum of 10 points.

c. Students will not normally be entitled to assistance from one of the above admission schemes and

additionally also be granted Special Consideration

Schedule 4: English Proficiency Requirements

Meeting English Proficiency Requirements through Previous Study in Australia

Applicants who have completed a minimum 2 years of equivalent coursework from an Australian

School/Institute/University/College will be considered to have met the English language proficiency

requirements.

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Study undertaken online or by distance education does not count towards meeting the English language proficiency requirements.

Undergraduate English Proficiency Requirements

a. Meeting English Proficiency Requirements through an English Language Test

	IELTS Academic	TOFEL IBT	Pearson Test of Academic English	Cambridge English Scale	Occupational English Test
Undergraduate Courses	6.0 overall with no band score less than 5.5.	Overall score of 60 with R: 13, L: 12, S: 18, W: 21	50 with no skill score below 50	169 with no sub-score below 169	No grade lower than 'C' in any of the sub-tests

Postgraduate English Proficiency Requirements

a. Meeting English Proficiency requirements through an English Language Test

	IELTS Academic	TOFEL IBT	Pearson Test of Academic English	Cambridge English Scale	Occupational English Test
Postgraduate Courses	6.0 overall with not less than 6.0 for Speaking and Writing and 5.5 for Listening and Reading.	Overall score of 79 with R: 13, L: 12, S: 18, W: 21.	58 with no skill score below 50	176 with no sub-score below 169	No grade lower than 'C' in any of the sub-tests.

English test results must be no more than two years old.

Applicants who completed their primary degree in a language other than English and are now permanent Australian residents may also be required to undertake an English Language Proficiency test prior to admission.

Schedule 5: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Strategy

- a. Course Convenors may assign up to five designated places per course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who meet AIA standards for likely completion of the course but may not be offered places in the standard admissions process.
- b. The specific courses will be advertised through the AIA website and may change each academic year.

 Any specific entry criteria will also be included in the course information for the designated places.
- c. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants who may not meet the course entry criteria are advised to refer to the alternative entry criteria published on the website.



- d. All applications must be completed using the appropriate form on the AIA website (whether completed electronically or on paper) and will be required to provide a proof, accompanied by a supporting statement from either an employer or school principal.
- e. Application cut-off dates are specified on the AIA website.
- f. Applicants who meet AIA standards for likely completion of the course will be interviewed to assist in determining their suitability for the course for which they have applied (whether physical, virtual or through written methods) and provision of other supporting materials will be requested at the discretion of the Course Convenor.
- g. If available, students can provide the panel with predicted ATARs or for postgraduate courses, GPAs.
- h. Interviews will usually be held in the Trimester prior to admission. Students will be given an offer as soon as is practicable.
- i. All suitable applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- j. On determination of a suitable applicant and in the subsequent allocation of a designated place,
 Course Convenors are required to keep a record of the entry determination.

APPENDIX

Course Specific Entry Requirements

Course	Entry Requirement
Bachelor of Analytics	Applicant:
	Should have successfully completed Australian Year 12 or an equivalent qualification. For more information on this refer to AIA (https://analyticsinstitute.edu.au/bachelor-of- analytics/)
	Prerequisites:
	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) units 3 and 4 with a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL and units 3 and 4 with a study score of at least 20 in one of Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics, or equivalent studies.
	ATAR:
	60 (minimum) or equivalent
	Rankings and Adjustment Factors:
	Entry to this program is competitive. Eligible applicants are ranked and selected in order of merit based on their academic achievement plus any adjustment factors.
	Adjustment factors include Educational Access Scheme as per Schedule 3(2) and/or subject adjustments.
	We will consider your entire academic record to determine your eligibility for entry. The highest level of education you have previously completed will usually determine how you are ranked.
	Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning:
	Credit, recognition of prior learning, professional experience and accreditation from a professional body can reduce the duration of your study by acknowledging your earlier, relevant experience. Refer to AlA's <i>Recognition of Prior Learning Policy</i> and AlA's <i>Credit Transfer and Articulation Policy</i> .
	English Language Requirements:
	Refer to Schedule 4
Bachelor of Business Transformation	Applicant:

Should have successfully completed Australian Year 12 or an equivalent qualification. For more information on this refer to AIA (https://analyticsinstitute.edu.au/bachelor-of-business-transformation/)

Prerequisites:

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL

ATAR:

60 (minimum) or equivalent

Rankings and Adjustment Factors:

Entry to this program is competitive. Eligible applicants are ranked and selected in order of merit based on their academic achievement plus any adjustment factors.

Adjustment factors include Educational Access Scheme as per Schedule 3(2) and/or subject adjustments.

We will consider your entire academic record to determine your eligibility for entry. The highest level of education you have previously completed will usually determine how you are ranked.

Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning:

Credit, recognition of prior learning, professional experience and accreditation from a professional body can reduce the duration of your study by acknowledging your earlier, relevant experience. Refer to AIA's *Recognition of Prior Learning Policy* and AIA's *Credit Transfer and Articulation Policy*.

English Language Requirements:

Refer to Schedule 4

Master of Business Transformation Design & Analytics

Applicant:

An Australian bachelor's degree or an equivalent qualification including equivalent overseas qualification. For more information on this refer to AIA (https://analyticsinstitute.edu.au/master-of-business- transformation-design-analytics/)

Prerequisites:

None

ATAR:

60 (minimum) or equivalent



Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning:

Credit, recognition of prior learning, professional experience and accreditation from a professional body can reduce the duration of your study by acknowledging your earlier, relevant experience. Refer to AlA's *Recognition of Prior Learning Policy* and AlA's *Credit Transfer and Articulation Policy*.

English Language Requirements:

Refer to Schedule 4

