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1. About the Australian Institute of Music (AIM)

The Australian Institute of Music (AIM) is the largest tertiary music institution in Australia, with the reputation of being a leading independent education provider in the music, entertainment and performing arts industries. Beginning as the Sydney Guitar School in 1968, founded by Dr Peter Calvo, AIM now operates across two national campuses (Sydney and Melbourne), offering a more diverse range of fully accredited music diplomas, degrees and masters programs available anywhere in Australia. We believe that the quality of musical education students receive at AIM is of an exceptional standard. AIM aspires to teach, motivate, and inspire domestic and international students to make significant contributions to the global economy in performing, creative and management arts.

For further information about AIM click [here](#).

Important Dates (2020)(TBC):

Undergraduates	Study Period 1	Study Period 2	Study Period 3
Orientation Week Commence	27 January	18 May	07 September
Classes Commence	03 February	25 May	14 September
Census Date	17 February	09 June	28 September
Examinations & Assessments Commence	20 April	10 August	30 November
End of Term	04 May	24 August	14 December

AIM provides prospective students with a range of events and reference points to better understand what AIM offers. [Open Days](#) are run twice a year on both campuses and frequent [workshops](#) are run. For further information on these events, please click [here](#), email recruit@aim.edu.au or phone +61 2 9219 5444.

2. Admission criteria

2.1. Undergraduate programs – Domestic Students Entry into AIM’s undergraduate programs is based upon achievement of a satisfactory level of secondary or higher education, audition/interview (where relevant) and proficiency in the English language.

A. Applicants with higher education study

To be eligible for admission into the Bachelor of Music programs on the basis of tertiary (HE) studies, you need to have completed at least 6 months of full-time study (or the part-time equivalent) at AQF level 5 degree or higher. If you have not completed 6 months, you will be assessed on your secondary results (refer D below). Please note that other selection criteria, including English proficiency and audition will be taken into account (for more information see the [Admissions Policy \(incorporating English Language Proficiency Requirements\)](#)).

B. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study

To be eligible for admission into an undergraduate degree on the basis of Vocational Education & Training (VET) study, you must have successfully completed an AQF VET qualification (Certificate 4 and above). If you have not completed a VET qualification at Certificate 4 or above, you will be assessed on your secondary results (refer D below). Please note that other selection criteria, including English proficiency and audition will be taken into account (for more information see the [Admissions Policy \(incorporating English Language Proficiency Requirements\)](#)).

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C. Applicants with work and life experience

Applicants who are over the age of 21 will be assessed as mature-age entry (for more information see the *Admissions Policy (incorporating English Language Proficiency Requirements)*). Applicants who are under 21 but have completed their Australian Senior Secondary Year 12 Certificate (or equivalent) will be assessed on the basis of their Year 12 Certificate, their satisfactory performance audition and assessment by the Director of Academic Affairs of their overall ability to undertake the program of study and to achieve the course outcomes.

For applicants who do not meet the above criteria, admission may be granted by the Director of Academic Affairs or nominee based on a documented assessment of the applicant's overall ability to undertake the program of study and to achieve the course learning outcomes.

D. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)

To be eligible for admission into an undergraduate degree on the basis of recent secondary education applicants must have:

- completed an Australian Senior Secondary Year 12 Certificate (or its overseas equivalent as assessed by the Department of Education and Training (DET)) in the past 2 years.
- completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma qualification in the past 2 years

NSW Year 12

Applicants must have completed the NSW Higher School Certificate in the last 2 years; and completed a minimum of English Standard. Note that any result below a Band 3 in English Standard may require further assessment.

Victorian Year 12

Applicants must have completed an Australian Senior Secondary Year 12 Certificate in the last 2 years; for VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) Students; Satisfactory completion of the VCE and Units 3 and 4 English. Any of the four VCE English studies - English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English Language - satisfies the requirement for English; however, Units 3 and 4 must be completed in sequence and in the same calendar year.

VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning): The completion of Senior VCAL will be recognised for entry in the Diploma of Music providing you meet all other entry requirements

For All Other Australian States

Applicants must have completed an equivalent Year 12 qualification in the last 2 years including minimum standard English requirements equivalent to NSW HSC English Standard.

Applicants who completed their senior Secondary Year 12 Certificate (or equivalent) more than 2 years ago will be assessed on the basis of Work and Life Experience (refer C above).

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Additional ATAR Based Admission Requirements

Program Name	ATAR Requirements
Bachelor of Entertainment Management	70
Bachelor of Music (Arts Management)	N/A
Bachelor of Music (Audio)	N/A
Bachelor of Music (Classical)	N/A
Bachelor of Music (Composition and Music Production)	N/A
Bachelor of Music (Contemporary)	N/A
Bachelor of Music (Music Theatre)	N/A
Bachelor of Performance	N/A
Diploma of Music	N/A

Additional Requirements

All undergraduate courses at AIM require an **audition and/or interview** to assess skills & aptitude to study. The audition process allows AIM to assess potential and advise on the best course of study. The applicant also has the opportunity to ask questions regarding study at AIM.

Applicants are also required to submit a **portfolio** that covers all of their relevant music, entertainment and business experience.

3. Additional information

Other Admission Options

Mature-age entry - Applicants who are over 21 at the time of application are entitled to mature-age consideration. Applicants may obtain entry by meeting the undergraduate requirements (as above); or performing a satisfactory level in audition and have at least three years' work experience as deemed relevant by the Director of Academic Affairs or nominee. For applicants who do not meet the above criteria, admission may be granted by the Director of Academic Affairs or nominee based on a documented assessment of the applicant's overall ability to undertake the program of study and to achieve the course learning outcomes.

Special needs/educationally disadvantaged students - AIM may give special consideration for admission to courses to applicants who have suffered educational disadvantage. In particular, applicants with physical disabilities and applicants from geographically isolated areas or economically disadvantaged backgrounds may apply for special consideration. Applications will be assessed on prior academic achievements, any relevant work experience and a personal interview with the Head of School, Director of Academic Affairs or their nominee. English language proficiency requirements apply to all applicants.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island applicants - Applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island (ATSI) descent may apply for special consideration for admission to the School. Application for special consideration should be made in writing to the Manager, Admissions. Applications will be assessed on prior academic achievements, any relevant work experience and a personal interview with the Head of School, Director of Academic Affairs or their nominee. ATSI applicants who do not request special consideration will be subject to the Institute's standard entry requirements. English language proficiency requirements apply to all applicants.

Domestic applicants with overseas qualifications

Overseas qualifications will be assessed for equivalency the Department of Education.

English language proficiency

All students must be sufficiently competent in the English language to participate effectively in the course of study. Specified English language entry requirements must be met by all students prior to admission. Domestic

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undergraduate students who have satisfactorily completed Year 12 (or equivalent) studies in Australia (or other English speaking country) are deemed to be proficient in English for admission to AIM. International applicants must have documented evidence of English language proficiency at IELTS 6 or equivalent.

4. How to apply

Application for Admission should be made on the *AIM Admission Application Form* and submitted to the Enrolment Team by email: recruit@aim.edu.au together with all supporting documents (certified copies) including:

- academic documents – certificates, transcripts
- birth certificate or passport (ID page)
- English proficiency documents (international students)

The Enrolment Team is available to answer any questions and process your application for assessment. The Enrolment Team will contact you to arrange an Audition/Interview. For further information on the audition process click [here](#).

If all the documents and information are complete and satisfactory, and you have successfully completed your audition/interview, you can expect to receive a *Letter of Offer* within 5 working days.

The *Letter of Offer* will provide all details of your proposed course enrolment and information on next steps to be taken to finalise your enrolment – see #5 below

5. Enrolment

Once you receive and review your *Letter of Offer* and wish to proceed please return the *Acceptance of Offer* form and *Course Enrolment Form* to the Enrolment Team together with any outstanding documents or information specified in the *Letter of Offer* and details of deposit paid (if required). Once we have received your payment, a receipt will be issued.

If you are seeking Australian Government FEE-HELP loan assistance for your studies, you will be directed to the Australian Government FEE-HELP website to complete your electronic Commonwealth Assistance Form (eCAF).

For a list of AIM fees and payment options visit [here](#).

If you are seeking recognition of prior learning, you should also submit [Application for Recognition of Prior Learning](#) together with required supporting documents. For further information about credit transfer and recognition of prior learning please see the [Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and Procedure](#)

Should you wish to defer your studies prior to enrolment, contact the Enrolment Team. For information on deferring your studies see the [Cancelling \(Withdrawing\), Deferring, Suspending Student Enrolment Policy and Procedure](#).

6. Student and campus services

Student Support Services

Nurturing our students' wellbeing is important to us, as well as encouraging cross-faculty relationships and positive communication. Whether it be help with academic matters, something personal, or if you're simply feeling overwhelmed for any reason, our Student Wellbeing Team are always available to support you. There is a Student Wellbeing Team on both campuses to assist you with any additional requirements you might have.

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Student Life

Student life at AIM allows unlimited opportunities to maximize your studies. Get to know other students with similar dreams and passions. Form a band, play and preform with other musicians and creatives, network with recording engineers and music mangers or the future, not to mention AIM teaching staff who are the industry. AIM has a dedicated Student Association in both Sydney and Melbourne to allow you to become part of the AIM Community

For further information on AIM Student Services visit [here](#).

Our Campuses

Both Sydney and Melbourne campuses have an active student presence who look after student wellbeing and promote an overall feeling of inclusivity and belonging. Sydney's AIM Student Association (ASA) organises fun events for students such as Jam Nights, fundraising events and live music gigs providing opportunities for students to get together and perform at local venues or at AIM's newly built balcony terrace. Similarly the AIM Melbourne Student Association (AMSA) hold Live Lounge sessions for students to mingle and perform alongside fellow students and musicians. On top of all of that, there are plenty of performing opportunities throughout the year including ensembles, showcases and graduate recitals.

Campus Facilities

Sydney Campus:

Our Sydney campus is located in the heart of Surry Hills, an epicenter for great live venues and an inspiring music scene – perfect for AIM students. Facilities and services include:

- Student Services and Student Wellbeing
- IT Helpdesk
- Library
- Rehearsal rooms, studios, lecture rooms
- John Painter Hall

Melbourne:

Our Melbourne campus is centrally located in the CBD, one block from Southern Cross Station, close to connecting trams and Flinders Street Station. Facilities and services include:

- Student Services and Student Wellbeing
- IT Helpdesk
- Library
- Rehearsal rooms, studios, lecture rooms
- Peter Calvo Theatre

7. Financial assistance

- FEE-HELP (Australian Commonwealth Loan Scheme) is a loan to help eligible fee paying students to pay their tuition fees. FEE-HELP is available for:
 - Australian Citizens
 - Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holders

For more information see the [Study Assist](#) Website or contact AIM Recruit

- Austudy – All Australian AIM students (including those with permanent residency) can also apply for Austudy. Please check the [Austudy](#) website for further information and eligibility

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- [Scholarships](#) – AIM may offer scholarships to new students based on merit. For further information click [here](#)

8. Student profile

Applicant Background	Study Period 2 2019	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Past higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	6	7.1%
(B) Past vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	N/P
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement other than the above)	14	16.5%
(D) Recent secondary education:		
• Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the impact of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)	<5	N/P
• Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	<5	N/P
• Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, schools recommendation scheme with no minimum ATAR requirement)	35	41.2%
International Students	22	25.9%
All Students	85	100%

Notes: '<5' – the number of students less than 5
 N/A – students not accepted into this category
 N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students.

8. Where to get further information

- [TEQSA National Register](#)
- [QILT](#)
- [AIM Policies and Procedures](#)