



BITS Pilani

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

KEY LINKS:

[BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy](#)

Question	Response
APPLICATION PROCESS	
How do I apply for the academy	<p>How to Apply: A Step-by-Step Guide</p> <p>Applying to the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy is a two-part process. Please read the steps and deadlines carefully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: Apply to BITS Pilani Complete your BITS application and fill your program preference for the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy program(s) via BITSAT 30 June 2025. • Part 2: Activate Your RMIT University Application and upload documents After you apply to BITS, you will receive an email from RMIT with a unique link and instructions to access the RMIT application portal, <u>to</u> activate your account <u>and to</u> set your password. <p>You must then upload the following documents to the RMIT portal to meet the entry requirements and note deadlines for each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visa questionnaire you receive from RMIT must be submitted no later than 6 July 2025. Additional steps may be required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High School Transcript no later than 6 July 2025 ○ Evidence of English language proficiency ideally by 6 July, but latest by 30 July 2025 <p>You can provide evidence of your English language proficiency for admission to BITS RMIT Higher Education Academy program from one of these options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieved 70% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Indian School Certificate examination (ISC) * 2. Achieved 75% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Central Board of Senior Education examination (CBSE) * 3. If you have other secondary qualifications or do not meet the subject score requirements listed above you will need to provide English language proficiency tests results. RMIT accepts a range of English proficiency tests. Refer to English language proficiency tests for international students website for the list of acceptable tests and scores you are required to obtain** <p>(*) You must provide an official letter from your high school office confirming that your Year 12 studies were taught and assessed entirely in English.</p> <p>(**) RMIT will reimburse 50% of the English proficiency test cost up to a maximum value of 8500 INR, for any candidates who are required to provide English proficiency test results AND successfully enrol into an Academy program in the 2025 intake. We recommend that you book your test as soon as possible and check the identification requirements for testing centres and their results processing times.</p>
<p>Do I need to select the same Branch in RMIT as at BITS Pilani?</p>	<p>RMIT will create one application registration for candidates who indicated any preferences for the Academy program against the highest preference program only in their application portal. It will be changed to the program of your final offer if it is different.</p>

My application is in "under assessment." When will I know if I am offered the course or not?	We will be contacting applicants from 23 June 2025 onwards.
If I register for BITS RMIT Academy, would that alter anything from my course preferences for the Indian campuses?	You are able to preference and apply to the BITS Indian campuses and the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy separately. Preferring the Academy program will not impact your preference for the BITS Pilani Indian campuses.
What is the last date to register for the program, because I first want to check opportunities in the BITS Indian campuses.	<p>If you are interested in the BITS-RMIT Academy, please submit your application now - it will not impact your preferences or opportunities for direct entry to the BITS Indian campuses. You will need to submit your application for the Academy program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 30 June 2025 to BITS Admission application portal <p>And Log in to your RMIT application portal as per the email instruction sent to your email address and provide required documentation by 6 July 2025</p>
Does BITSAT score matter in the admission process?	Applicants who meet the minimum academic requirements will be ranked based on their moderated Final BITSAT score. Offers will be issued to the top ranked applicants down, until places are filled.
What happens if I can't transfer to Melbourne at the end of year 2?	<p>This International Dual Degree Programme is structured to include two years of study at BITS Pilani, followed by two years at the RMIT University in Australia, culminating in the award of degrees from both institutions. However, if you are unable to proceed to RMIT due to compelling reasons, the following alternatives may be considered at the sole discretion of BITS Pilani:</p> <p>a) BITS Pilani may, at its sole discretion, reassign you to a new programme depending on your BITSAT-2025 score and its position in the regular merit list prepared for students admitted to First Degree programmes through BITSAT-2025 (and not through the BITS-RMIT International Dual Degree route).</p> <p>b) BITS Pilani may certify your completed coursework for credit transfer to another recognized institution, which may consider it towards awarding a degree, subject to their norms.</p> <p>c) You may be offered the option to continue and complete your degree at the BITS Pilani Dubai Campus. In such cases, you will be required to pay the fees applicable to the Dubai Campus.</p>

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<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p>	

Will I get one or two degrees from this course?	Students who successfully complete all four years of the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy dual degree programs will be eligible to receive degrees from both BITS Pilani and RMIT University. Both RMIT and BITS Pilani have worked carefully together to align our program offerings, and each will recognise the study completed at the other institution, enabling completion of requirements for each degree. The degrees will be the same as the standard degrees from each institution - students will receive two separate testamurs (Transcripts) and degree certificates, one from each university.
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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

How do I prove my English proficiency?	<p>You can provide evidence of your English language proficiency for admission to BITS RMIT Higher Education Academy program from one of these options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieved 70% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Indian School Certificate examination (ISC) * 2. Achieved 75% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Central Board of Senior Education examination (CBSE) * 3. If you have other secondary qualifications or do not meet the subject score requirements listed above you will need to provide English language proficiency tests results. RMIT accepts a range of English proficiency tests. Refer to English language proficiency tests for international students website for the list of acceptable tests and scores you are required to obtain** <p>(*) You must provide an official letter from your high school office confirming that your Year 12 studies were taught and assessed entirely in English.</p> <p>(**) RMIT will reimburse 50% of the English proficiency test cost up to a maximum value of 8500 INR, for any candidates who are required to provide English proficiency test results AND successfully enrol into an Academy program in the 2025 intake. We recommend that you book your test as soon as possible and check the identification requirements for testing centres and their results processing times.</p> <p>RMIT accepts the following English language proficiency tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IELTS (Academic): 6.5 (no band less than 6.0) - TOEFL (Internet Based Test - iBT): Overall score 79 (with minimum score of 13 in Reading, 12 in
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	<p>Listening, 18 in Speaking and 21 in Writing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE (A)): 58 (no communication band less than 50) - C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)): 176 with no less than 169 in any component - C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)): 176 with no less than 169 in any component <p>Please see the RMIT English language requirements page for further information.</p> <p>Prior English tests are valid for two years</p> <p>The deadline for submitting English proficiency documents is 30 July 2025.</p>
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FEES AND COSTS	
How much will it cost me?	<p>The details about the prescribed Fees of both the Universities can be found at https://bitsrmit.in/. You may please refer to the fee section of BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy brochure</p> <p>BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy students are eligible for the RMIT Future Leadership Scholarship for Year 3 and 4 of the program delivered at RMIT in Australia.</p> <p>The scholarship value is a 20% tuition fee reduction for the program duration outlined on your offer letter for courses delivered at RMIT in Melbourne.</p> <p>For further information about the Future Leader Scholarship please refer to https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/future-leaders-scholarship</p>
What does it cost to live in Australia?	For information on cost of living in Melbourne you can refer to the RMIT cost of living page

PRACTICE SCHOOL AND WORK IN AUSTRALIA

What about Practice School? Would I have the option to take internships at RMIT?

Both RMIT and BITS recognise the importance of Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)/Practice School (WIL/PS) for preparing work-ready graduates in an increasingly competitive workforce market.

RMIT programs have industry engaged WIL activities involving students interacting with organisations (industry, government and community) through discipline relevant projects and/or work placements.

Students will have the option to work on industry projects that are co-designed with industry and/or community partners. -world problems or address the needs of the industry or community. Industry partners are engaged in the project and co-supervise the student/activities with RMIT academics. All engineering programs have Capstone courses in their final year, where students work on industry related projects. Some of these projects provide students with an opportunity be co-supervised by industry mentors to gain additional practical experience. For students who are interested in further studies in research training and careers in academia and research institutions, supervised individual or team research projects can be offered as part of their capstone experience

Some RMIT courses may have WIL activities in simulated workplace environments that are designed to simulate real workplaces in their function, equipment and mode of operation so that students can experience a variety of scenarios.

In addition, in most programs, the students will have an option to enroll in the Professional Engineering Experience course and complete paid/unpaid industry placements normally undertaken during a semester break (subject to the student securing a placement that meet the requirements of the course and in accordance with vi visa conditions by the Australian government

How do I get work in Australia?	<p>Students going to Australia under Visa Subclass 500 are eligible to work for up to 48 hours in a fortnight while the course is in session and for unlimited hours when the course is not in session (during breaks).</p> <p>Please note the government advice can change. Always refer to the Australian Immigration site for more up to date information.</p> <p>Please also note that as of July 2024 there will be changes to the Temporary Graduate visa program. Please refer to this website for more information:</p> <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485/post-higher-education-work</p> <p>The current advice states:</p> <p>Stay periods for Indian nationals, as agreed in the Australia India – Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA), remain as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor degree (including honours) – 2 years • Masters (coursework and extended) – 2 years • Masters (research) – 3 years • Doctoral degree – 3 years. <p>The length of stay for Indian nationals, as agreed in the Australia India – Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA), is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor degree (including honours) – 2 years • Bachelor degree (with first class honours in STEM, including ICT) – 3 years • Masters (coursework, extended and research) – 3 years • Doctoral degrees (PhD) – 4 years. <p>-</p>
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