



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

KEY LINKS:

[BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy](#)

[RMIT application site](#) - apply now, don't wait for BITSAT result

Question	Response
APPLICATION PROCESS	
How do I apply for the academy	<p>If you have a BITSAT Score and would like to apply for BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy programs, you should submit your application to both BITS, Pilani and RMIT University admissions portal immediately. An instruction guide for completing your application can be found on the BITS website</p> <p>Applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements will be ranked based on their BITSAT score. Offers will be made to the top ranked applicants down, until all places have been filled. Therefore, we will not know what the minimum/cut-off BITSAT score is until offers have been issued.</p>
Do I need to select the same Branch in RMIT as at BITS Pilani?	<p>Please note your preferences for the program will be managed by BITS admissions systems. Hence you are advised to fill your preference very carefully. BITS Pilani and the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy are being managed separately. You are free to preference difference branches in each preference list. For RMIT application system you will be required to list all BITS RMIT Higher Education Academy programs you are intending to apply. There is no preference listing in the RMIT application system,</p>

<p>My application is in "under assessment." When will I know if I am offered the course or not?</p>	<p>We will be contacting applicants from 17 June 2024 onwards.</p>
<p>If I register for BITS RMIT Academy, would that alter anything from my course preferences for the Indian campuses?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>What is the last date to register for the program, because I first want to check opportunities in the BITS Indian campuses.</p>	<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 2 July 2024 to BITS Admission application portal And • By 8.30 am (IST) 10 July 2024 to RMIT application portal.
<p>Does BITSAT score matter in the admission process?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>What happens if I can't transfer to Melbourne at the end of year 2?</p>	<p>The BITS RMIT Academy Dual Degree programme requires two years of study at BITS Pilani in India, followed by two years of study at RMIT University in Australia for successful completion of the course. In the event, you have a compelling reason(s) for not pursuing the remaining two years of study at RMIT University in Australia then BITS Pilani may in its sole discretion reassign you to a new program depending on your BITSAT-2024 score and its standing in the regular merit list prepared for students directly admitted to First Degree Admissions at Indian Campuses of BITS Pilani through BITSAT-2024 and not through BITS-RMIT Academy. Alternatively, BITS Pilani may provide credits for two years of your course work, which may get credited in other recognized Institute to earn the degree of your choice.</p>

<p>What documents should I upload into the RMIT application system?</p>	<p>Please upload the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a copy of your official All India Senior School Certificate (AISSC), Indian School Certificate (ISC), State Boards of Education (Higher Secondary Certificate, HSC), or equivalent. This must show completion of the qualification, and the marks/grades for all attempted subjects. If you do not yet have your official results, please provide the provisional marks certificate by the deadline specified. If you receive an offer, it will be conditional on providing the official results no later than 31 July 2024 - a copy of your English language proficiency test results (IELTS, PTE (A), or TOEFL) as evidence that you meet the English language proficiency requirement of this program (minimum IELTS (Academic module) overall score of 6.5, with no band below 6.0 or equivalent). If you have not registered to sit an English proficiency test (such as IELTS) yet, please do this as soon as possible as it takes a number of weeks to receive your results. Please check document requirements such as Indian passport and processing times with relevant testing bodies_ <p>If you do not have your results yet, we will still consider your application. If you receive an offer, it will be conditional on providing these results no later than 31 July 2024.</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 successfully enrolled into an Academy program in 2024 intake.</p> <p>An instruction guide for completing your application can be found on the BITS website</p>
<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p>	
<p>Will I get one or two degrees from this course?</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>What are the implications of the engineering course not been accredited by Engineers Australia?</p>	<p>BH120 Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering) (Honours) program is <i>currently</i> not accredited by Engineers Australia. Accreditation will be sought for this program as soon as it is feasible to do so within the accreditation timelines set by Engineers Australia. Once fully accredited, graduates of the course will be eligible for graduate membership of Engineers Australia.</p>
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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	
<p>How do I prove my English proficiency?</p>	<p>We accept 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 Listening, 18 in Speaking and 21 in Writing)- 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 31 July 2024.</p>
<p>Can I submit my application to RMIT without the English language results?</p>	<p>If you have not yet registered to sit an English proficiency test (such as IELTS), you can still submit your application. We will still consider your RMIT application but if you receive an offer, it will be conditional on providing these results no later than 31 July 2024. You will not receive a full offer or be able to enroll until you meet this condition.</p> <p>As it takes a number of weeks to receive your results, you should register to sit an English proficiency test as soon as possible and not wait until you receive an offer.</p> <p>Please make sure you check document requirements such as Indian passport and processing times with relevant testing bodies.</p> <p>For 2024 intake RMIT will reimburse 50% of the English proficiency test cost up to a maximum value of 8500 INR, for any candidates who are successfully enrolled into an Academy program.</p>

FEES AND COSTS	
<p>How much will it cost me?</p>	<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>
<p>What does it cost to live in Australia?</p>	<p>For information on cost of living in Melbourne you can refer to the RMIT cost of living page</p>

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

<p>How do I get work in Australia?</p>	<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/changes</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) – up to 2 years• Bachelor degree (with first class honours in STEM, including ICT) – up to 3 years• Masters (coursework, extended and research) – up to 3 years• Doctoral degrees (PhD) – up to 4 years. <p>-</p>
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