



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### KEY LINKS:

[BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy](#)

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Question	Response
<b>APPLICATION PROCESS</b>	
<b>How do I apply for the academy</b>	<p>To be eligible for the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy, you must meet both university's entry requirements and achieve the required BITSAT-2026 score.</p> <p>For comprehensive details on all admission requirements, including English language proficiency, please visit the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy website: <a href="https://bitsrmit.in/how-to-apply/">https://bitsrmit.in/how-to-apply/</a></p> <p><b>How to Apply: A Step-by-Step Guide</b></p> <p>Applying to the BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy is a <b>two-part process</b>. Please review the steps carefully. Applicants must meet the entry requirements of both individual institutions to qualify.</p> <p><b>Part 1: Apply to BITS Pilani</b></p> <p>Complete your standard BITS application and lock in your program preferences for the <i>BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy</i> latest by the due date prescribed by BITS</p> <p><b>Part 2: Provide additional documents for RMIT admissions assessment</b></p> <p>a) Activate your access to BITS RMIT Admissions student portal.</p>

	<p>Once your preferences are logged, you will receive an email from RMIT with credentials and instructions to activate your account on the BITS-RMIT Admissions student portal.</p> <p>b) Log into your newly activated RMIT portal and upload the following documents:</p> <p>i. <b>Official Academic Transcripts:</b> A copy of your AISSC (CBSE), ISC, State Board HSC, or equivalent qualification showing overall completion and marks/grades for all attempted subjects.</p> <p>ii. <b>English Language Proficiency:</b> Valid evidence matching the criteria outlined below.</p> <p>iii. <b>Visa Questionnaire:</b> Complete the mandatory preliminary visa screening questionnaire available through the portal.</p> <p><b>English language requirements</b></p> <p>Achieved 70% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Indian School Certificate examination (ISC) *</p> <p>Achieved 75% or above in Year 12 English subject score in Central Board of Senior Education examination (CBSE) *</p> <p>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 <a href="#">English language proficiency tests for international students</a> website for the list of acceptable tests and scores you are required to obtain</p> <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><b>When should I submit documents required?</b></p>	<p>Additional documents required for RMIT admissions assessment will need to be submitted <b>by 17 June 2026.</b></p> <p>If you do not have your documents to evidence your English language proficiency yet, we will still consider your application. If you receive an offer, it will be conditional on providing your results/school statements etc <b>by 27 July 2026.</b></p> <p>It is highly recommended that <b>you book English proficiency tests as soon as possible</b>, considering test booking availabilities and results processing timelines.</p> <p>RMIT will reimburse 50% of the English proficiency test cost up to a maximum value of 8500 INR, <b>for any candidates who are successfully enrolled</b> into an Academy program in 2026 intake.</p>

<b>What is a Visa Questionnaire?</b>	<p>Academy students will require a visa issued by the Australian Government to study in Australia for years 3 and 4 of their programs.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth transition when it comes time to transfer to Australia your application will also be assessed under the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF). For more details, please refer to our <a href="#">apply for a visa</a> information page.</p> <p>Students are required to apply for an Australian student visa during Year 2 study at BITS, India. It is important to note that students must meet the student visa requirements.</p> <p>After you complete the Visa Questionnaire, you may be requested to provide additional documents.</p>
<b>How will I be selected?</b>	<p>Admission is strictly competitive. Applicants who meet the base requirements for both institutions will be ranked according to their moderated BITSAT scores. Applicants who meet entry requirements will be ranked based on their moderated BITSAT score. Offers will be issued to the top ranked applicants down, until places are filled.</p>
<b>What happens if I can't transfer to Melbourne at the end of year 2?</b>	<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. However, if you are unable to proceed to RMIT due to <u>compelling reasons</u>, the following alternatives may be considered at the sole discretion of BITS Pilani:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) BITS Pilani may, at its sole discretion, reassign you to a new First Degree programme (B.E. or M.Sc. or B.Pharm.) depending on your BITSAT-2026 score and its position in the regular merit list prepared for students admitted to First Degree programmes through BITSAT-2026 (and not through the BITS-RMIT International Dual Degree route).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

QUALIFICATIONS	
<b>Will I get one or two degrees from this course?</b>	<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>
<b>Is my qualification recognised globally?</b>	<p>Yes...</p> <p>Programs listed below are accredited by <a href="#">Engineers Australia</a>*.</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Infrastructure) (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) (Honours)</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering) (Honours)</p> <p>Engineers Australia is the professional body responsible for the accreditation of higher education programs that prepare students to practise as professional engineers.</p> <p>Engineers Australia is a signatory to the <a href="#">Washington Accord</a>. This means that the degree is internationally recognised, and graduates are able to practise as professional engineers in many countries around the world.</p> <p>Graduates of these programs are eligible for graduate and/or professional <a href="#">membership of Engineers Australia</a>.</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering) (H) program delivery in Melbourne new, as such currently not accredited until the first cohort graduates from the program.</p> <p>Bachelor of Computer Science program is accredited at a professional level by the <a href="#">Australian Computer Society</a>.</p> <p>ACS accredits Information and Communication Technology related programs that are offered by Australian universities, both onshore and offshore. ACS is a signatory to the <b>Seoul Accord</b>, meaning degrees accredited by them are globally recognized as equivalent to ICT programs in other member countries like the US, UK, and Canada.</p>

<p><b>B.E. Computer Science (K K Birla Goa Campus) program has 2 RMIT options:</b></p> <p><b>Bachelor of Computer Science AND Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering) (H).</b></p> <p><b>What are the differences?</b></p>	<p>These are 2 different degrees at RMIT and which one to choose depends on what you want to do with your career.</p> <p>It really comes down to whether you want to focus on advanced programming skills, computational theory and artificial intelligence or the intersection of software engineering principles and hardware.</p> <p><b>Bachelor of Computer Science</b> degree sits within RMIT's School of Computing Technologies. This degree will provide you with a fundamental understanding of all aspects of computer technology, operating systems, computer networks, data structures and algorithms, database systems, software engineering and organisational issues. You will learn outstanding programming skills, the ability to design, implement, and maintain complex software systems which drive mobile devices, social media and intelligent robots, and the ability to adapt to new advances in information technology.</p> <p><b>Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering) (Honours):</b> This degree sits within the School of Engineering. It bridges digital systems and software domains to give you a comprehensive understanding of hardware platforms as well as software development and enterprise solutions. Combining computer science, engineering and mathematics, in this course you will learn to create software applications, embedded systems, hardware devices and drive data analytics. With technology constantly changing, software engineers are in high demand in the trending areas of artificial intelligence, digital platforms, robotics, virtual reality and big data.</p> <p>There are some other differences that may help you with your choice.</p> <p><b>Accreditation bodies</b></p> <p>The Bachelor of Software Engineering (Professional) is fully accredited by the Australian Computer Society.</p> <p>The Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering) (Honours) is seeking accreditation through Engineers Australia, and once fully accredited, graduates will be eligible for graduate membership.</p> <p><b>Course structure</b></p> <p>Another difference you'll notice is the teaching and learning approach. The Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering)(Honours) has a traditional degree structure where you'll complete 32 subjects (generally four per semester), while the Bachelor of Computer Science kicks off with the School of Computing Technologies' signature <a href="#">Bootcamp2Studio model</a> where programming fundamentals are taught in focus mode (the bootcamp), and complemented with project-based learning (the studio).</p> <p>Refer to program structures and courses to compare the differences</p>
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<b>FEES AND COSTS</b>	
<b>How much will it cost me?</b>	<p>The details about the prescribed Fees of both the Universities can be found at <a href="https://bitsrmit.in/">https://bitsrmit.in/</a>. You may please refer to the fee section of <a href="#">BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy brochure</a></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 <a href="https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/future-leaders-scholarship">https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students/apply-to-rmit-international-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/future-leaders-scholarship</a></p>
<b>What does it cost to live in Australia?</b>	<p>For information on cost of living in Melbourne you can refer to the RMIT <a href="#">cost of living</a> 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.

Similar to above, the Bachelor of Computer Science program has an integrated learning course as well as two x 24 credit unit studio courses. The studio-based approach provides an authentic problem setting where theory and practice are blended in the application of learning and focuses on the acquisition and development of fundamental technical and professional skills. Students produce artifacts such as a medium-sized real-world application or a fully functional website as part of the course.

In addition, 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 most Engineering 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 visa conditions by the Australian government)

We are currently working with BITS practice school cell to create optional opportunities for the academy students to take placement opportunities in India either during semester breaks in Year 3 and 4 or after the completion.

<b>Can I work in Australia during my studies?</b>	<p>Students going to Australia under Visa Subclass 500 are eligible to work for up to 48 hours per 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 <a href="#">Australian Immigration</a> site for more up to date information.</p>
<b>After the completion, should I be looking for career opportunities in Australia or India?</b>	<p>Because you graduate with two distinct degrees—one from BITS Pilani and one from RMIT University—you hold strong currency in both job markets.</p> <p>If you wish to start in Australia as a graduate of RMIT degrees, having studied in Australia for 2 years, you may be eligible to apply for Post-Higher Education Work stream and live, work and study in Australia temporarily (2-3 years). Please note the government advice can change. Refer to the Australian Home Affairs <a href="#">website</a> for more information.</p>