

INFORMATION

for future international students

A black and white photograph of the RMIT University building, a large, multi-story structure with a mix of modern and classical architectural elements. The building features a prominent central section with a classical facade and a modern, angular section on the right. A red diagonal overlay covers the bottom half of the image, showing a blurred street scene with a tram and trees. The text 'BUILDING YOUR FUTURE' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the red overlay.

BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Australia
Established 1887



WELCOME

From our beginnings as the Working Men's College in 1887, RMIT has established a reputation for engaging with the demands of students and industry.

Today we are a global university of technology that has developed a strong international reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education. A number of our disciplines have been ranked within the top 200 of the *Times Higher Education Supplement*.

RMIT strives to provide high-quality, practically focused education, training and research. The University's programs include industry placements, work experience and the involvement of practitioners in teaching. Collaborating with industry to provide solutions, new ideas and processes that deliver real outcomes is an integral part of our teaching, learning and research.

Graduate employability

RMIT's programs have a strong professional and vocational orientation that aims to prepare graduates for employment and active citizenship. Developed in consultation with industry, many programs integrate work experience with learning, ensuring that RMIT maintains its outstanding reputation for producing some of Australia's most employable graduates.

Melbourne

Melbourne, one of the World's Most Liveable Cities, is also Australia's cultural hub. As the events capital of Australia, Melbourne is a sophisticated, modern and friendly city with a reputation for embracing the arts. Home to many cafes, theatres, galleries, sporting venues and a network of parks and gardens—Melburnians always find something to do. Even better, RMIT University is located in the centre of it all.

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

University city

Melbourne is one of the top four destinations for students, according to the 2008 Global City University Index.* The index assesses cities on a range of measures including liveability, education expenditure, the number of its graduates and how many of its tertiary institutions are ranked in the top 200 *Times Higher Education Supplement*.

www.studymelbourne.com.au

* The Global University City Index was developed by RMIT University in collaboration with the Committee for Melbourne.

Global passport

RMIT has links with more than 110 partner organisations throughout the world, including other leading universities, companies and community groups.

RMIT aims to provide education that is more global in its reach through a combination of semester exchanges, group study tours, international work placements and research projects.

For more information visit the Education Abroad Office web site.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/educationabroad



RMIT City campus



Melbourne

STUDY AT RMIT

Pathways

RMIT is able to provide students with education pathways towards further qualifications. Students can undertake certificate or diploma-level studies at TAFE, obtain credit for the work they have completed and then apply for university admission. For example, a one-year certificate program may be recognised as the equivalent of the first year of a diploma program.

Pre-university pathways

All foundation studies students who meet the requirements set by the colleges will be guaranteed a place in the program of their choice at RMIT University.

www.rmit.edu.au/internationalcollege

Teaching methods

The Australian education system is similar to the British system. Classes are taught in English via a combination of lecture, seminar, tutorial, workshop, studio, practical and laboratory sessions. Students learn core information in lectures followed by small group discussion in seminars and tutorials.

Assessment

Assessment is ongoing throughout the semester and may include examinations, essays/reports, oral class presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

English, academic and work prerequisites

Applications are assessed on English language and academic prerequisites. In the case of only academic requirements being met, the applicant may need to complete an English language program at RMIT English Worldwide (REW) prior to commencing formal studies. Country specific academic requirements can be viewed at: www.rmit.edu.au/international/entryrequirements

How to apply

Complete the International Student Application Form. International students are citizens of countries other than Australia (with the exception of New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents).

www.rmit.edu.au/international/apply

VCE international students

Please refer to www.rmit.edu.au/international/vtacinfo for further information.

Employment

International students studying in Australia on a student visa are able to work in Australia once they have obtained permission to work from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Students whose visas were issued after 26 April 2008 will have been granted permission to work automatically. Students whose visas were granted prior to 26 April 2008 will need to apply to DIAC for this (the procedure for applying for a work permit is available on the web site listed below).

The work permit can only be obtained once a student has commenced their studies in Australia. A work permit allows a student to work for up to 20 hours per week during study blocks and full-time during semester breaks.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/work

Students with families

If a student wishes to bring their spouse or children to Australia, they will need to prove that they can support them financially (including the payment of annual school fees). Full-time education is compulsory for all children in Victoria from the age of 5 to 15 years.

For further information, please refer to:

- Nearest Australian diplomatic post
- DIAC.

www.immi.gov.au

RMIT offers more than 470 TAFE and higher education programs to international students.

Study options include:

- Architecture, Building and Planning
- Art and Design
- Business
- Community Services and Social Sciences
- Computing and Information Systems
- Education and Training
- Engineering and Related Technologies
- Environment
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Media and Communications
- Science.

LEVELS OF STUDY

English language

RMIT English Worldwide (REW) assists students at all levels who need to improve their English language skills for entry into RMIT programs. REW is also an IELTS testing centre.

www.rmitenglishworldwide.com

Pre-university

Both Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and foundation studies programs prepare students for entry into Technical and Further Education (TAFE) or higher education programs at RMIT or other Australian universities.

www.rmit.edu.au/internationalcollege

TAFE certificate and diploma

These skills-based programs normally take between six months and two years to complete, and can generate credits of up to two years towards an RMIT degree.

Associate degree

An associate degree is a two-year qualification that can be undertaken after Year 12 or following a Certificate III or IV. It offers a guaranteed pathway into a relevant bachelor degree.

Associate degrees are a relatively new qualification in Australia. The degrees are broad-based and graduates develop employment-related skills relevant to the discipline/s.

Bachelor degree

Comprising full-time study completed over three to five years (including a possible co-operative work placement year), with the added option of a double degree.

Study abroad

Live and study in Australia for six months or one year: with a great selection of courses to choose from, students can also earn credit exemptions.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/studyabroad

Postgraduate coursework

Coursework programs require the successful completion of a bachelor degree and/or relevant work experience. Allow one-year for a graduate diploma and between one and a half and two years for a masters degree.

Postgraduate research

For students who want to pursue their own theories and ideas at a higher conceptual level—postgraduate studies by research requires the successful completion of a bachelor degree and/or relevant work experience. Allow between one and a half to two years for a masters degree and three to four years for doctoral studies.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/research

Application deadlines

There are no application deadlines; however, RMIT recommends that students apply several months in advance due to program popularity. Students must also allow ample time for visa and travel arrangements.

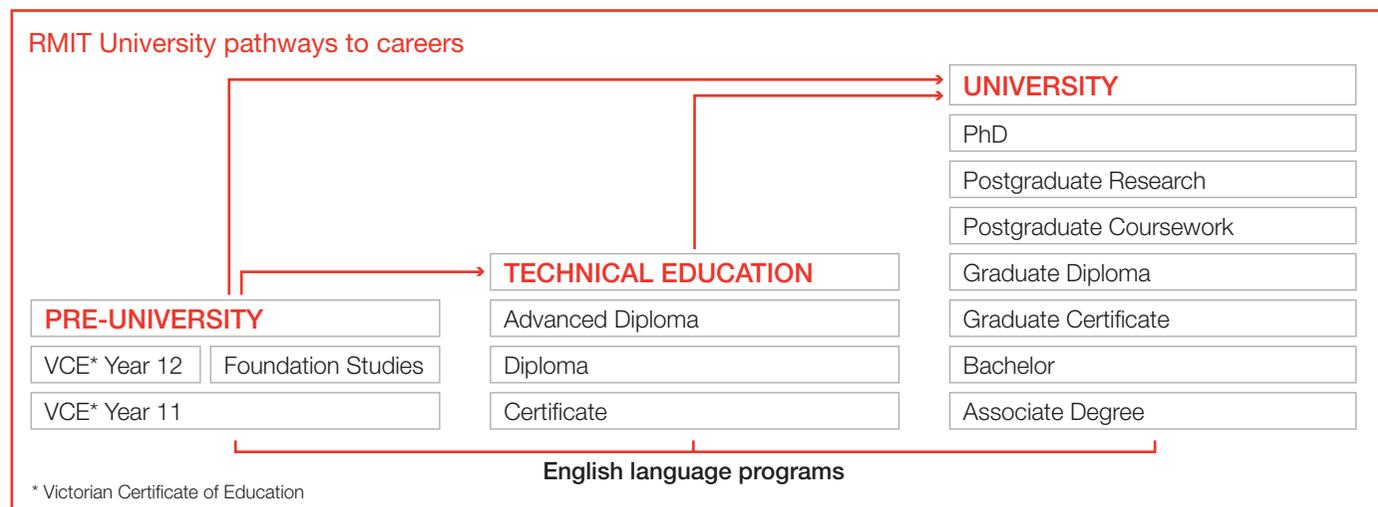
VCE international students

There are deadlines, so please refer to our web site www.rmit.edu.au/international/vtacinfo for further information.

Articulation

Partnerships exist between RMIT University and many offshore institutions. Students studying at offshore institutions are offered an opportunity to complete a degree through RMIT.

www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/advancedstanding/



CAMPUS LIFE

RMIT students have access to a unique academic and social environment. Unlike other university campuses, RMIT isn't closed off or surrounded by walls. Campus life is Melbourne life.

RMIT City campus

RMIT's main campus is located in the centre of Melbourne, in the midst of galleries, restaurants, shops, and close to the State Library of Victoria and the Queen Victoria Market. Students enjoy all the benefits associated with close proximity to the Central Business District (CBD), including excellent public transport access from all parts of Melbourne.

Brunswick campus

The Brunswick campus is located 5 km from the centre of Melbourne, in spacious grounds near the popular Sydney Road shopping district and the buzzing Lygon Street cafes. Programs are delivered in state-of-the-art facilities that include the award-winning textiles and printing buildings.

Programs offered at this campus include: education; fashion; textiles design and textile technology; merchandising and product development; footwear; printing and graphic arts.

Bundoora campus

Situated 18 km north-east of Melbourne's city centre, RMIT's Bundoora campus is located on 42 hectares of park land. The campus offers state-of-the-art facilities such as the Biosciences Building, a purpose-built health and medical science laboratory. Programs available include health sciences, engineering, manufacturing and education. Sporting facilities include an athletics track, tennis and netball courts, a football oval and soccer pitch.

Offshore branch campuses

RMIT International University Vietnam

RMIT International University Vietnam is Vietnam's first and only fully owned university. Established in 2001, RMIT Vietnam delivers internationally recognised degrees from campuses in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

www.rmit.edu.vn

Clubs and societies

A wide variety of clubs provide a social setting for students to develop new skills and make new friends. Options include:

- Sporting and recreational facilities, including access to over 30 sporting clubs.
- Invitations to theatre productions, art exhibitions and free movies.
- Excursions to regional Victoria, Central Australia and Queensland.

www.su.rmit.edu.au/clubs/index.html

RMIT University provides education and training to more than 65 000 students, including 23 000 international (onshore and offshore) students from regions all over the world, and more than 100 countries, including: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Middle East, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, the Americas and Vietnam.

Of the international students, 10 000 study at our onshore campuses, 10 000 study an RMIT program with an offshore institution partner, and approximately 3 000 study at our Vietnamese campuses.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student services

RMIT offers a wide variety of services that reflect the needs of a diverse student body. These include:

Health and wellbeing

- Spiritual Centre
- Counselling
- Health Service
- Fitness Centre
- Health Education Seminars

Computers and IT

- Laboratories
- Email and Internet Access
- Remote Dial-in
- Software Downloads
- Virus Information
- Wireless Network

Support

- Accommodation (Housing Advisory Service)
- Childcare
- Disability Liaison Unit
- Student Legal Service
- Meet and Greet Service
- The Hub
- Arrival Service

New students are greeted at Melbourne airport and transported to their pre-arranged Melbourne accommodation.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/arrivalservices

- International Student Information and Support (ISIS)
International Student Information and Support provides advice, information and support to international students.
 - Confidential consultation and advice.
 - Support and information.
 - Orientation and farewell (returning home) programs.
 - Cultural celebrations.
 - Activities to meet other students from similar cultures.
 - Support and work with student representative groups.
 - Social gatherings, activities and workshops at the City, Bundoora and Brunswick campuses.

www.rmit.edu.au/isis

Tuition fees

RMIT University reserves the right to annually adjust program tuition fees to take into account increases in University and program delivery costs. Changes to program tuition fees will be applied at the beginning of each calendar year. RMIT will ensure that any future annual fee increase will be maintained below 7.5% (subject to rounding). Program tuition fees are invoiced on a semester basis based on the enrolled load for that particular semester. Program tuition fees do not include Overseas Student Health Cover, administrative services charges, books, equipment and other materials required to undertake the program or compulsory activities where relevant, such as fieldwork, excursions or laboratory practicals. Details on additional costs can be found in the program descriptions on the RMIT web site and at the RMIT fees web site for all students.

www.rmit.edu.au/international/programfees

Cost of living

Living costs vary according to the type of accommodation, the number of people living in the accommodation and the location. Listed below is a sample budget for a single student for one year (excluding university fees).

Expenses	Per week AU\$	Per year AU\$
Accommodation establishment costs (rental bond [^] , furniture etc.)	—	1905*
Rent for accommodation (share)	165	8580
Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	—	355
Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water	45	2340
Travel (up to 10 km from city)	35	1820
Books and stationery	—	845
Food	65	3380
Personal expenses	85	4420
TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS (approximate)	—	AU\$23 645

www.rmit.edu.au/international/livingcosts

* These costs are generally paid once when first setting up accommodation.
[^] Bond is equivalent to four weeks' rent.
All prices are estimates for 2009.

Further information

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www.rmit.edu.au/international

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Working with industry to provide career-driven, technology-oriented education for tomorrow's leaders.

