

## 1 POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

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The purpose of this policy is to define the criteria under which applicants can be enrolled and admitted to ICHM courses with reasonable expectation of progression and completion.

## 2 SCOPE

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The policy covers admission and enrolment of admitted applicants and applies to admissions, re-admissions and transfers for all higher education courses.

## 3 DEFINITIONS

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**Genuine Temporary Entrant Requirement:** All applicants for a Student visa must show they are coming to Australia temporarily to gain a quality education. The Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement is not intended to exclude students who, after studying in Australia, develop skills Australia needs and who then go on to apply for permanent residence.

**Genuine Student Requirement:** An applicant that intends to obtain a successful educational outcome and has the language, education and material background to have a reasonable chance of achieving this educational outcome.

## 4 POLICY DETAILS

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ICHM Admission policies and practises will be applied fairly and consistently to achieve equity objectives for a diverse and representative student population.

Admission and enrolment requirements will be course specific, focus on merit and promote commitment to excellence in academic standards.

Admission and enrolment of students into courses will be based on clearly defined, consistent and equitable requirements which are available in a manner that is easily accessible and does not require contact with ICHM to obtain. At a minimum, Course admission criteria will be published in the Prospectus and on the website in advance of the opening date for applications for the next applicable academic period. In particular, the information includes

- a. Course duration
- b. Fees and charges
- c. Eligibility for Recognition for Prior Learning
- d. Policies for refund

Admission requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate coursework courses will be developed, reviewed and approved by the Academic Board.

### **Admission Criteria - minimum admission requirements**

Admission criteria may include (but not be limited to):

- Applicants must be properly identified, usually through sighting of a birth certificate or passport.

- Academic requirements as detailed in Entry Requirements for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Study Abroad program policy documents.
- *Academic requirements* such as completion of high school certificate, a minimum ATAR requirement, prior completion of a relevant VET or higher education or other tertiary qualification(s).
- Progression in other courses and educational institutions is taken into account.
- For international students - genuine student requirements are taken into account.
- Attainment of a minimum English language proficiency requirement as detailed in Entry Requirements for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Study Abroad program policy documents.
- With a requirement to undertake study in kitchen, restaurant and housekeeping environments, as well as industry placements, there are workplace health and safety factors to consider before a student with an impediment can be accepted. Refer to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

### **Admissions arrangements for minors**

International students who are under 18, are not admitted to ICHM programs unless they meet the requirements described within the regulations as set out in Standard 5 of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (as updated from time to time).

The admission of minors is subject to the approval of the Academic Director. The details are contained in the Enrolment of Minors policy.

### **Admission articulation arrangements and award of credit or RPL for prior studies**

ICHM adheres to policies and procedures for course articulation and transfer and acceptance of credit and/or RPL consistent with the College's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.

Credit for prior learning is granted only where the prior study or experience is assessed as equivalent in content and level to the subject for which credit is being sought.

Credit granted must be academically defensible and take into account the student's ability to make satisfactory academic progress and to successfully complete the requirements of the remainder of the course.

Credit decisions should preserve the broad integrity and the intended Graduate Qualities profile of the ICHM degree course.

Credit will not normally be granted for subjects completed more than ten years before application unless there is evidence of substantial relevant experience during the intervening period.

Please refer to ICHM Recognition of Prior Learning policy for details.

### **Entry for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

Consistent with ICHM's *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy*, ICHM encourages and supports applications to study from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### **Admission and Contractual Arrangements**

All admission and contractual arrangements will be in writing, including course duration, fees and charges, refund policies, particular conditions of enrolment, health requirements for students due to the practical nature of part of the study and the work integrated learning placements.

### **Documents supporting applications/ Verifying admission applicants' credentials**

Original documents (or certified copies) must be sighted and checked for verification in the case of testamurs and/or transcripts, related academic awards, and, where relevant, character references, employers' testimonials.

It is a condition of application that the applicant must provide permission for ICHM to verify the academic qualifications and/or transcript(s) of academic record presented by the applicant with the issuing institution.

### **Refusal of application, withdrawal of an offer of admission and cancellation of admission or enrolment**

ICHM reserves the right to refuse an application, withdraw an offer of admission and cancel admission or enrolment under the following conditions:

- Where the applicant does not meet the admissions criteria included in the section above - Admission Criteria - minimum admission requirements;
- when the applicant or enrolled student has provided untrue, inaccurate or incomplete information;
- when ICHM is not satisfied that an international applicant meets the Genuine Student requirements;
- where students have been excluded from other ICHM courses and other educational institutions.

### **Commencement date and late arrivals**

All students undertaking ICHM's face to face delivery courses are required to be on campus from the first day of ICHM's semester.

- The latest date a new student can commence a course is one week after study period start date. Students who are unable to commence by the Monday of week 2 of a study period, will be required to defer their enrolment into a future study period. Exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Academic Director.
- The latest date a continuing ICHM student can commence a study period is a week after study period start date. Students who are unable to commence by the Monday of week 2 of a study period, will be required to defer their enrolment into the following study period. Exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Academic Director. If an international student is not granted a visa by the end of the first week of the study period, the student will be required to withdraw their visa application. ICHM will cancel the student's CoE and negotiate a new enrolment date for the student. Exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Head of ICHM.
- ICHM will not issue a CoE for an offshore student when the request is received less than 6 weeks from commencement of the semester unless authorised by the Head of ICHM.

### **Deferral of Admission**

Deferral relates to postponing an offer of a place in a course before the course or the first course in a package of courses has commenced. This may take place on application subject to approval and shall remain in force for a maximum of one year, after which time either the student shall enrol or ICHM may withdraw the offer of a place.

International students will be advised that deferral of their enrolment may affect their visa.

### **Appeals Rights**

Admission applicants and enrolled students have the right to appeal ICHM decisions based on the provision of untrue or incomplete information in accordance with ICHM's Non-Academic Grievance Policy.

## 5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (if applicable)

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### Related Legislation

Higher Education Support Act 2003  
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011  
Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021  
Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and  
National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training Services to Overseas Students 2018

### Associated policies

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Enrolment of Minors  
Non-Academic Grievance  
Recognition of Prior Learning  
Entry Requirements – Undergraduate courses  
Entry Requirements - Postgraduate courses  
Study Abroad Program

## 6 RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

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The policy owner is the Admissions and Enrolments Director (AED) and changes to this policy must be approved by the Head of ICHM and the Academic Director.

## 7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (if applicable)

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Not applicable.

## 8 REVIEW

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The AED is responsible for the review of this policy annually. Admissions Criteria are reviewed by the Academic Board annually. On a three-year basis the Academic Director is to:

- Benchmark Admission criteria with other Australian Higher Education providers
- Analyse academic performance of students to determine if Entry Requirements are appropriate

Accountability and review			
<b>Delegate</b>	Admissions and Enrolments Director		Ref: ICHM Delegations Register
<b>Approval body</b>	Head of ICHM and Academic Director		
<b>Approval date</b>	20240411		
<b>Review date</b>	1 year from last review 20250411		
Supporting information			
<b>Related legislation</b>	See Section 5		
<b>Sector benchmarking</b>			
Supporting documents			
<b>Related documents</b>	See Section 5		
<b>Superseded documents</b>			
Type and location			
<b>Policy type</b> <select row and shade>	Corporate Governance Academic Governance Academic Management Operational Management		
<b>Location/access</b> <select row and shade>	Website Student access Staff access Overseas		
Amendments			
Version No.	Amendment type	Amendment Date	Key changes
1.0	New document	21/03/2013	Policy developed
2.0	Major	10/08/2017	Updated
3.0	Major	28/02/2018	Updated
4.0	Major	14/11/2019	Updates regarding Admissions criteria
5.0	Major	25/11/2019	Addition of section 3.6
5.1	Minor	22/01/2020	Changes to policy title
5.2	Minor	May 2020	Changes to position titles
5.3	Minor	Sept 2020	Clarification on latest start date and approval processes
5.4	Minor	18/08/2022	Positional and terminology updates
5.5	Minor	02 Dec 2022	Minor changes to titles
5.6	Minor	24/03/2023	Change of role title from Program Director Academic to Academic Director, and CEO to Head of ICHM.

5.7	Minor	21/11/2023	Change of role title from Manager Admissions and Administration to Admissions and Enrolments Director
5.8	Minor	11/04/2024	Amendments in relation to Genuine Temporary Entrant requirement and latest date for student commencement for a study period.