

AIB OFFERS MBA WITHOUT BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Australia's most popular MBA provider, the Australian Institute of Business (AIB), is one of the only MBA providers in the country which does not require its students have an undergraduate degree or previous study to apply for their fully-online Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Chris Lee from New South Wales is an AIB MBA student who was accepted into the programme without an undergraduate degree. He is the National Business and Reporting Analyst for Qantas Ground Services, and before aviation, came from a retail background. With no prior higher education qualifications, Chris wanted to study an MBA to future-proof his career.

"One of the reasons I chose to study with AIB was due to their understanding that people don't need to have formal qualifications to have the same desire, discipline, and intelligence as everyone else starting an MBA," said Mr Lee. "I have several years of management experience and am at the same stage in my career as someone who completed an undergraduate over a decade ago."

AIB CEO Paul Wappett said, "Our aim is to make higher education more accessible to more people, so we're working to ensure that the safeguards which are in place to uphold quality and rigour don't actually create artificial barriers that could discourage people from pursuing learning opportunities."

"AIB sees tremendous value in the skills, qualities, and experiences of those who have worked hard and proven themselves as people managers, strategic leaders, and experts in their field, so much so that we see this kind of experience to be a valid substitute for formal learning." concluded Mr Wappett.

Traditional universities require applicants to have prior higher education qualifications to be able to progress up the academic ladder, but AIB recognises the value of career experience as an entry pathway. AIB allows applicants to apply for the Graduate Certificate in Management (GCM), which is the first stage of the MBA, once they have five years of relevant work experience that includes at least three years in a management role or as a business owner. An applicant's business experience is rigorously assessed to ensure it meets the requirements of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), and provides the foundation knowledge for the MBA to build upon.

Across all of the AIB MBA entry pathways, including those which assess prior qualifications, work experience is a requirement. This is because AIB believe MBA students need to have hands-on experience to be able to conceptualise their learning in a practical manner and apply concepts to real-world business and workplace scenarios.

This is just one of the ways AIB delivers on its commitment to making postgraduate education realistically achievable for more people, demonstrating why they are *the practical business school*.

To learn more about the AIB MBA visit <https://www.aib.edu.au/>

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BACKGROUND

About the AIB application process: All AIB degrees are accredited by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). In addition to the experience pathway, applicants will also be eligible to study the AIB MBA if they have an Advanced Diploma, Bachelor's degree or higher, or they achieve a minimum score of 550 in the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) – as well as relevant work experience.

About AIB: Australian Institute of Business (AIB) is a global higher education institution and Australia's largest MBA provider. Delivered fully online and designed to fit around the lives of busy working people, AIB's postgraduate business degrees are fully accredited in Australia, internationally recognised and industry aligned. AIB has a history of over 30 years of excellence, and a network of more than 16,000 students and graduates across 90 countries.