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# Australian Institute of Business ranks 6th in 2026 global online MBA rankings

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The 2026 CEO Magazine Global MBA Rankings are in, and the Australian Institute of Business (AIB) MBA **has progressed** to 6<sup>th</sup> position in the nation and 24<sup>th</sup> worldwide in the online MBA category.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Australian Institute of Business has held its spot as Tier 1 Global Status, the designation awarded to top-tier MBA programs around the world based on rigorous evaluation criteria – including faculty quality, international diversity, accreditation and professional development.

This year, CEO Magazine evaluated 340 programs from 152 business schools in its **largest ever benchmarking cycle to date**. AIB not only maintained their position among the top Australian and global programs in an increasingly competitive space but also climbed a spot in both categories.

Their ranking system serves as an independent trust indicator, evaluating programs against rigorous quality and performance criteria including quality of faculty, international diversity, class size, accreditation and faculty-to-student ratio.

AIB's Managing Director, Peter Cartwright, commented on the news: *"This result reflects the outcomes our students are achieving in their careers and the consistency of what we've focused on over time. We've built our MBA around practical, flexible learning that fits into real working lives. As more professionals look to progress without stepping away from their careers, that approach continues to resonate. It's encouraging to see that reflected in this year's ranking."*

AIB's ranking further strengthens the trend of academic excellence in online business education, with [thousands of Australians](#) turning to the practical business school for career growth.

In the past year, AIB recorded 635 graduates. The average student age at completion is 41 years, with the majority of students aged between 30 – 53 years. 75% of students are already in management roles.

According to AIB [internal data](#), 35% of alumni received a pay increase, 28% expanded their responsibilities at work, 24% were promoted within their current organisation, 24% left for a more senior role with a new employer, and 16% had a career change post-MBA.

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This highlights how having an MBA is more than a status play. It has a real, tangible impact on an individual's career. The flexible, practical business school makes education possible at any age and stage of career.

[Learn more](#) about the CEO Magazine 2026 Global MBA Rankings.

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#### **About the Australian Institute of Business (AIB):**

Australian Institute of Business (AIB) is **Australia's largest online MBA provider\***, with 40 years of excellence in business education. Today, with more than 20,000 students and alumni across 100 countries, the AIB community is making an impact in business across the globe.

\*20 Biggest Online MBA Providers, MBA News (July 2024), based on Department of Education data for 2018 to 2022.

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