

This document covers the admission requirements for the Certificate in Music (Introductory)

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To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- Requirements for either general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission
- English language requirements

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission may be available.

General Admission

To apply for this programme, candidates are required to meet all of the below entry requirements. All applicants must:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of the programme's commencement for the semester in which they wish to enrol (or provide a completed Early Release Exemption form)
- must have a minimum of 3 years secondary education, OR a Unitec Certificate in Foundation Studies: Whitinga (Level 2), OR equivalent;
- attend an audition/interview in which they must demonstrate competence in aural and musical abilities

Prior to admission to this programme, all applicants will be asked in their interview to complete a literacy diagnostic assessment.

Special Admission

Applicants may be granted Special Admission if:

- Attained the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for certificate is to commence; AND
- Provide evidence to indicate the ability to study at tertiary level.

Discretionary Admission

In exceptional cases an applicant who does not meet the general admission requirements and who has not reached the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the

Certificate is to commence may apply for discretionary admission.

In assessing whether to grant discretionary admission in exceptional cases, the primary focus will be on the applicant's level of preparedness for study at the required level.

English Language Requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 8 credits at NCEA Level 1 in English.

1.1.2 English language entry requirements for international students for whom English is not their first language:

Applicants must have at least ONE of the following:

- a) Gained NCEA level 3 and met New Zealand university entrance requirements;
- b) Clear evidence that they satisfy one of the following criteria for existing English proficiency:
 - 1. Previous primary and secondary study in English as evidenced by completion of one of the following at schools with English as the language of instruction in countries with a student visa approval rate of at least 80 per cent:
 - i. Completion of all primary education and at least three years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13), or
 - ii. Completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13)
at schools using English as the language of instruction are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF
 - 2. Previous tertiary study in English: International students are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF when they can provide clear evidence of completion of a Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree with English as the language of instruction, from tertiary education providers from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States.
 - 3. Achievement of the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- c) Achieved, within the preceding two years, at least one of the English proficiency outcomes listed below:
 - 1. NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) (General / Workplace / Academic) (Level 3)
 - 2. An overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5. The IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form.
 - 3. An overall TOEFL Paper-based test (pBT) score of 500 (essay 4 TWE) OR an overall TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) Score of 35 (writing 14)

4. University of Cambridge English Examinations: FCE or FCE for Schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill
 5. Pearson Test of English PToE (Academic) with a score of 36 with no score lower than 36
- d) Applicants for whom English is an Additional Language and whose diagnostic entry test indicates that they require additional English Language study may be admitted to the Certificate in Music (Introductory) provided they are concurrently admitted in the Diploma in English and undertake a modified programme of study.

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