FAQ's – Online Study at inSTUDIO online

Who is inSTUDIO Online?
inSTUDIO Online is a division of the International School of Colour & Design (iscd), which is an established design school with over 30 years experience.

Iscd is an Australian Registered Training Organisation with a strong track record of delivering high quality learning experiences to hundreds of students each year across its specialised design courses.

MSF50213 Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration is being delivered by iscd on behalf of Academy of Information Technology (AIT) as part of the Redhill Education Group.

Is the inSTUDIO Online diploma accredited?
inSTUDIO Online diploma courses are accredited under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), and inSTUDIO Online is accredited to offer VET FEE-HELP tuition loans from the Australian Government to Australian students.

What qualification will I receive upon successful completion of my course?
When you successfully complete the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration (MSF50213), you will receive a nationally recognised Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration (MSF50213), issued by The Academy of Information Technology (AIT).

When you complete a subject from the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration (MSF50213) you will receive a statement of attainment.

How long is the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration?
This depends on the study mode that you choose. You can study either full-time or part-time as follows:
Full-time study:
• Duration of 48 weeks, with no official term breaks.
• Four study periods, each with four subjects with a duration of 12 weeks
• A recommended of 20 hours of study per week

Part-time study:
• Duration of 96 weeks, with no official term breaks.
• Four study periods, each with Four subjects with a duration of 24 weeks
• A recommend of 10 hours of study per week

When is the next intake?
You can enrol in The Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration at any time. insSTUDIO Online has course intakes every week so there is no waiting around to get started.

If I finish a study period, do I have to start the next study period straight away or can I take a break? How long is the max time they can take a break for between study period?
When you enrol into the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration, there are breaks between study periods.

If you would like, you can defer your studies in writing to enquiries@instudio.edu.au
Please refer to our terms and conditions of deferment for full details.

What are the payment options for the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration?
There are three options to choose from when paying for the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration.

- VET FEE-HELP in four study periods (see other question for more info about VET FEE-HELP)
- Four instalment payments of $4,500 made before commencing each study period (Credit Card, PayPal)
  - First instalment must be paid before commencing the first study period
  - 2nd, 3rd and 4th instalment payments are to be paid at the completion of each study period.
- Full instalment of $18,000 (Credit Card, PayPal)

What is VET FEE-HELP?
FEE-HELP is a loan scheme, provided by the Federal Government that assists eligible students in the payment of part or all of their tuition fees. VET FEE-HELP is the same program but for diploma programs. AIT is an approved provider of FEE HELP and VET FEE HELP courses.

Over their lifetime, eligible students may borrow up to the FEE-HELP limit. The government directly pays AIT the amount of the loan, and students (that is you) pay it back through the Australian taxation system once their annual income reaches the minimum repayment threshold. For the 2015/16 financial year the threshold is $54,126.

FEE-HELP loans don’t attract interest, but a CPI increase is applied every June 1 for amounts that have been unpaid for 11 months or more.

Learn more about Fee HELP and VET FEE HELP at: [www.studyassist.gov.au]

Who is eligible for FEE-HELP?
You are eligible for FEE-HELP if you are an Australian citizen, permanent humanitarian visa holder (resident in Australia for the duration of your unit), or a permanent visa holder undertaking bridging study for overseas-trained professionals and will be resident in Australia for the duration of the study.
You must also be enrolled in an eligible unit of study by the census date for that unit and have not exceeded your FEE-HELP limit.

Where can I find out more about the VET Tuition Assurance?
For details about the VET Tuition Assurance please read the below PDF:
The inSTUDIO Online VET Tuition Assurance (PDF)

How do I apply for FEE-HELP?
Eligible students can apply by completing a “Request for FEE-HELP Assistance” form, which we will provide you when you apply. If you don’t already have one, please contact us and we’ll send you a form immediately.
When is a FEE-HELP debt incurred?
You incur the debt immediately after the census date for each block of study for which you received FEE-HELP assistance. A Census Date occurs at 20% mark of each block of study in a specific course. If there are four blocks within a course you will be notified of the relevant Census Date for each study block.
If you have requested a FEE-HELP loan, but change your mind about studying, you have to either cancel your “Request for FEE-HELP Assistance” form or withdraw your enrolment in each unit of study (study period) on or before its census date, otherwise you will incur a debt.

The census date is the last day you can withdraw without incurring financial penalty. See the government website for more information.

VET FEE-HELP – How do I withdraw from the course?
To withdraw from a unit or study block without incurring a VET FEE-HELP debt or losing an up-front payment, you need to complete your provider’s formal withdrawal procedures by the census date.
inSTUDIO Online requires notification in writing to enquiries@instudio.edu.au prior to, or on the Census Date for the relevant study block to be able to withdraw a student.

VET FEE-HELP – What happens if I withdraw by the census date?
If you correctly withdraw from a unit by the census date, you will not incur a HELP debt. If you are using FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP, your FEE-HELP limit will not be reduced if you withdraw by the census date. If you have paid your tuition fees up-front, you may be entitled to a refund.

VET FEE-HELP – What happens if I withdraw after the census date?
If you withdraw from a unit (study period) after the census date, you will incur a HELP debt and will lose any up-front payment you made. If you are using FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP, your FEE-HELP limit will be reduced.

If you withdraw from a unit (study period) after the census date because of special circumstances, you may be able to get your VET FEE-HELP debt remitted (and your VET FEE-HELP balance re-credited if applicable).

What support is available for online learning?
inSTUDIO Online provides support so you never feel isolated whilst studying at home. See our Online Study Options section to find out more about the support available when online learning with inSTUDIO Online.

What are the education requirements to enrol in this course?
inSTUDIO Online is passionate about delivering quality education in design. Students must be able to demonstrate the skills and capabilities to succeed in this course as deemed by inSTUDIO Online admissions team.

inSTUDIO Online has set certain entry requirements for the Diploma of Interior Design + Decoration. These requirements are:

- Students must be 16 years, or above (Signed Parental/Guardian consent is required for under 18 years). inSTUDIO Online will forward a separate email for consent;
• Students must be able to demonstrate the skills and capabilities to succeed in this course as deemed by the inSTUDIO Online admissions team;
• Students under 20 years, must hold a Year 12 qualification, or equivalent;
• Students under 20 years, who do not hold a Year 12, or equivalent qualification, must be interviewed by the inSTUDIO Online admissions team.

What equipment / technology do I need to study your online course?
You will require access to the internet for the entire course, as well as need to understand how to scan and/or photograph your work to upload for submission.

We don’t have a preference for Mac or PC, that is purely up to you!

In various subjects you will be required to purchase specific programs, we will let you know the details prior to commencement of that subject.

Can I get recognition (RPL) for courses that I have done previously that are similar to this course, or for industry experience?
Yes, RPL will be available by submitting an application form.

Your application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by inSTUDIO Online’s Education Manager.

How do I apply?
Simply complete the Enquiry form and a student advisor will contact you to discuss your options and to walk you through the enrolment process.

What are inSTUDIO Online Census Dates?
Your census date will be determined by the date you begin your studies, as such we have prepared a chart for you to refer to with all the appropriate dates, please download it from the link below:
The inSTUDIO Online School Census Dates 2015-2016 (PDF)

Can I change my study pace?
A student can request in writing to inSTUDIO Online a change of study pace in between each study period, but not during a study period.

Can I defer my study due to personal circumstances?
inSTUDIO Online will review all requests of this nature on a case by case basis.

Who is RedHill Education?
RedHill Education Limited (RedHill) was founded in 2006, and listed with the Australian Securities Exchange in 2010. The group operates a number of businesses in the private tertiary education market in Australia.

RedHill currently operates from three campus locations in Sydney’s CBD, which deliver vocational and higher education courses in English language, creative digital technologies, and interior design and styling to over 4,000 domestic and international students each year.

RedHill is proud to launch and support inSTUDIO Online, and deliver an outstanding high quality online learning experience to its students.
Who is Academy of Information Technology?
Operating since 1999, AIT has educated thousands of students from all over the world who have gone onto building successful careers in the creative industry.

AIT’s cutting-edge courses are delivered using the latest industry tools and supported by specialist educators that are passionate about creative industries and committed to ensuring our students develop the right skills and competencies to complete their courses and confidently enter the workforce.

Where can I find the Privacy Policy?
The privacy policy is available from the link below:

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