



Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting (SMIPA)

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE Professional Year Program

Anything's possible



You've studied hard to gain the technical skills and knowledge you need for a career in Accounting. Now the **Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting (SMIPA)** can help you develop the cultural and language skills you need to get an accounting job in Australia.

The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) has introduced a 'Professional Year' as a pathway for Australian-based international students to gain additional points for migration to Australia to work in high-demand occupations. The Professional Year is a 12 month 'job-readiness' program designed to equip you with the professional skills needed for a successful career in the Australian workforce.

The **Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting (SMIPA)** is one of the Professional Year Programs available to university graduates.

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SMIPA has been developed by Australia's three professional accounting bodies – the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, Certified Practising Accountants Australia and the National Institute of Accountants – to improve participants' professional English language proficiency and cultural communication skills relevant to the Australian business context.

Participants will also benefit as they gain an understanding of the job market for the accounting profession. A structured internship placement in an accounting role is included as part of the program which will provide participants with an integrated and practical application of their skills.

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE (BNIT) has been approved to deliver the program.

The SMIPA program is divided into the following 4 areas:

1. Orientation

The program orientation will provide participants with an overview of course elements, objectives, expectations and student responsibilities.

2. Professional Workplace Skills for Accountants

Participants will partake in a series of workshops to develop:

- Verbal and non-verbal skills
- Written communication
- Group dynamics
- Business environment
- Career planning and employment

3. 12-week Professional Internship

Each participant will gain valuable work experience obtained through an industry placement within an accounting organisation.

4. Review & Conclusion

Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback on industry placements, address final queries or issues, discuss support services and resources available, and investigate current employment opportunities.

Program Fees

Program Fees include:

- Workshops & Program Resources
- Networking Events
- Professional Element
- Professional Internship and Insurances (12 weeks)
- Orientation & Graduation Ceremony
- Certificates

Skilled Migration Internship Program - Accounting	Amount (AUD)
Application, non-refundable fee	\$250
Course Fee	\$10,000
Total	\$10,250.00

Additional Information

The Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting is a 44 week program. To be eligible you must be the holder of a Skilled Graduate (Temporary) visa Subclass 485.

Secure your place in the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting:

Step 1

Complete the SMIPA application form supplied.

Step 2

Ensure you attach the following necessary documents

- Copy of passport
- Copy of Visa 485 or confirmation of Visa 485 Application
- Certified English proficiency test results
- Certified copies of previous academic results
- Curriculum Vitae

Step 3

Send your application:

By post to:

The BNIT Professional Year Program
Locked Bag 3, Eagle Farm BC
Brisbane, QLD, Australia, 4009

By courier or in person to:

BNIT
Level 2 Block 6
Fulcher Rd
Red Hill

By fax:

+61 7 33 074 746

By E-mail:

Scan in your application and required documents and forward to enquiry.bnit@deta.qld.gov.au

If your application is successful, you will receive an Offer Package from BNIT. When you accept this offer, you will be welcomed as a valued participant of the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting?

The Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting is a 12 month 'job-readiness' program introduced to assist Accounting graduates in obtaining relevant workplace skills in their chosen occupation and effectively increase their employment skills and employability, in turn helping to address Australia's skill shortages in the Accounting industry.

2. Is the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting available in other professional fields?

Yes. The program is also available to graduates of ICT and engineering degrees. New programs in other fields will be developed in the future. Please refer to Department of Immigration and Citizenship for further information.

3. Who can apply to do the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting?

The Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting is aimed at Accounting graduates who have been issued a 485 Skilled Graduate Visa. Holders of Bridging Visa A may also apply for entry into the program. If you do not have a 485 Skilled Graduate Visa or a Bridging Visa A, please contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for further details.

4. Can Australian citizens who are graduates and permanent residents who are graduates also apply to do the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting?

Yes, however the program is a full fee paying program and HECS does not apply.

5. Does completion of the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting guarantee permanent residency?

No, but a person who successfully completes the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting may be awarded 10 points under the General Skills Migration points test. Points can only be awarded for courses that have been specified by the Minister. The Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting is the only program in accounting specified by the Minister.

6. Can I relocate to undertake the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting?

It is intended that the program will be made available in all states of Australia over the next 12 months. Participants may elect to relocate to undertake the program, but they do so at their own discretion and expense.

7. Does successful completion of the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting guarantee employment?

No. The aim of the program is to prepare recent accounting graduates with the professional skills required for a career in Australia. It does not guarantee job placement.

8. How is the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting structured?

The program is delivered over a minimum of 44 weeks and a maximum of 12 months, and includes the following elements:

1. Orientation
2. Professional Workplace Skills for Accountants
3. 12-week Professional Internship
4. Review & Conclusion

9. Can I work while I complete the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting?

Please refer to Department of Immigration and Citizenship for all visa enquiries.



APPLICATION FORM

SKILLED MIGRATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – ACCOUNTING (SMIPA)

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE International Programs Office
Locked Bag 3, Eagle Farm BC Brisbane Qld Australia 4009
Phone: **131 248** Fax: **(+617) 3259 9238**
Email: enquiry.bnit@deta.qld.gov.au



1. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

- Friend/Family Educational Exhibition Educational Agent
- Advertisement (where) Other (please indicate) Website

2. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____ Family Name _____

Given Names _____

Sex (male/ female) _____ Age (in years) _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yr) / /

Do you have any type of disability? Yes No If yes, please specify _____

Currently living in: Home country Australia

3. CONTACT DETAILS

Address in your home country: _____	Address in Australia: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Fax: _____	Fax: _____

4. PASSPORT AND VISA DETAILS

Country of citizenship (as shown on passport) _____ Country of birth: _____

Do you hold a current skilled Graduate (Temporary) Visa (Subclass 485)? Yes (complete details below)

No

What type of visa do you hold? (Please specify) _____

485 Visa number: _____

If no, have you applied for a 485 Visa? Yes No

If yes, please attach a copy of your application _____

Please provide application reference number: _____

If no, please detail your present status: _____

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

IELTS Score: Yes No Listening Writing Reading Speaking Overall

Date of test: __ / __ / __

If no, please detail other English Language Proficiency: _____

6. EDUCATION DETAILS

Month/Year commenced	Month/Year completed	Title of course (eg. Bachelor of Business)	Name of Institution	Full time or part time	Course completed?
1. __/__/__	__/__/__				
2. __/__/__	__/__/__				
3. __/__/__	__/__/__				

7. EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Complete the following employment history and provide employment references or attache your curriculum vitae (resume). Write NIL if no employment history.

Period	Employer	Department/section	Nature of work

7. CHECKLIST AND DECLARATION

Make sure the following are attached:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified academic transcripts with grading system | <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Visa or confirmation of application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum vitae (resume) | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport copy |

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE WRITTEN YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM

8. DECLARATION

For your application to be valid, you must complete Part 1. If you are under 18 your parent or guardian must complete Part 2.

PART 1 DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documentation are correct and complete. I authorise the Institute to obtain other details relating to my academic record. I acknowledge that the provision of incorrect information or documentation relating to my application may result in the cancellation of my enrolment. I further acknowledge that the Provider may make available this information to Australian Commonwealth and State agencies and the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and Section 51.1 of the National Code.

Signed _____ Date (dd/mm/yr) / /

PART 2 DECLARATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read the information on this form and the details of the applicant are complete and correct. I hereby apply for the entry of my child/ward to study with TAFE in Australia and declare that I have financial capacity to meet the tuition fees and expenses in Australia. I acknowledge that the provision of incorrect information or documentation or the withholding of information or documentation relating to this application may result in the cancellation of enrolment.

Signed _____ Date (dd/mm/yr) / /

Information is collected on this form and during your enrolment in order to meet our obligations under the ESOS Act and the National Code 2007; to ensure student compliance with the conditions of their visas and their obligations under Australian immigration laws generally. The authority to collect this information is contained in the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001 and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007. Information collected about you on this form and during your enrolment can be provided, in certain circumstances, to the Australian Government and designated authorities and, if relevant, the Tuition Assurance Scheme and the ESOS Assurance Fund Manager. In other instances information collected on this form or during your enrolment can be disclosed without your consent where authorised or required by law..



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