



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Good progress has been made in managing the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand and we are lucky to enjoy a relatively normal lifestyle as a result. However we are not complacent and New Zealand is still preparing for the safe return of international students. We realise that this is a frustrating time for you as a student, as you cannot travel to New Zealand and take the right steps to build your career. This is where EITGraduate Online provides an opportunity to move forward.

EIT has built on our world-class, practice-based, industry-centric education to develop EITGraduate Online. EITGraduate Online makes it easy for you to start your study with the Postgraduate Certificate programme and pathway on to further study in New Zealand once the border opens. We offer a new way to keep you engaged and study with us from wherever you are. Here is a list of common questions from students which we have attempted to answer. For more information please email the EIT International Centre team at international@eit.ac.nz

EITGRADUATE ONLINE / BENEFITS

What are the key benefits of starting my study online?

- You can gain two qualifications; a Postgraduate Certificate in one specialisation and the Postgraduate Diploma or Masters in another area of study* (For example; you can complete a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Analytics online and then continue on to gain a Master in Applied Management when you are able to travel to New Zealand). Alternatively you can study the same academic specialisation for both qualifications.
- You will enjoy cost benefits when you opt for online study. You will pay less for the online portion of your study as we are able to pass on the savings in overhead costs to you.
- You can stay engaged in study and save time while you are unable to travel to New Zealand.
- You can use your successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate with a minimum B average to gain admission into an EIT Master's degree (180 Credit)* or you can continue your study to complete an EIT Postgraduate Diploma.
- You can study online to start your journey towards gaining an EIT Master's qualification in New Zealand. The EITGraduate Online to Onshore New Zealand Master's pathway meets the eligibility requirements for a post-study work visa. **Please note** that a post-study work visa is offered by New Zealand Immigration based on current New Zealand regulations.
- Successful completion of a Postgraduate Certificate from EIT means you will meet the English language entry requirements for any programme of study in New Zealand.
- Our online courses include a range of engaging and interactive content. Programme Coordinator, Jonathan Sibley says, "this is not just a MOOC; it is a fully integrated New Zealand study experience."
- EITGraduate Online offers you a dynamic, fun and interactive experience – online study is NOT boring!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Why are the entry requirements for a Postgraduate Certificate the same as a Postgraduate Diploma?

The Postgraduate Certificate is comprised of the first 60 credits of study towards a Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree at EIT. Therefore, the same academic and English language eligibility criteria will apply for the Postgraduate Certificate and the Postgraduate Diploma in keeping with NZQA entry requirement regulations.

Please note that you will need to successfully complete the Postgraduate Certificate with a minimum B average to gain admission and progress into an EIT Master's degree (180 Credit)*.

* Some restrictions apply based on eligibility criteria.

ENROLMENT

I already have an offer. Do I need to make an application?

If you already hold an EIT Offer of Place for a Postgraduate Diploma or Masters degree in the related areas, you will not need to make an application. All you need to do is confirm your interest in starting your study with your agent or with one of our EIT International Marketing Managers. If you are eligible, we will send you the information you need to enrol.

How do I enrol?

Once we have emailed you with the enrolment information, you will need to complete the following steps:

1. Complete and sign the Enrolment Form
2. Provide a verified copy of your Birth Certificate or Passport to use as ID
3. Complete your Course Selection Form
4. Send your signed Enrolment Form, verified ID and Course Selection Form to international@eit.ac.nz
5. Once we have processed your paperwork, we will contact you with an invoice with details on how to pay your tuition fees
6. Once we have received your tuition fee payment we will send you a receipt along with information on when your online study will begin.

How do I pay the fees?

You will need to pay the fees for the Postgraduate Certificate through a bank transfer. All details will be provided to you once you begin the enrolment process.

I have already paid the fees, will I get a refund for the difference?

Yes. You will need to submit an EIT refund application.

Am I eligible for a refund of my tuition fees if Immigration New Zealand declines my student visa application if I decide to continue my studies in New Zealand?

No. Students studying online are able to achieve a Postgraduate Certificate which is a globally recognised qualification.

What happens to my current Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree offer?

On successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate you will receive cross-credits towards your EIT Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree and our admissions team will send you an updated offer.

If I need to delay my study in New Zealand towards an EIT Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree, will my Postgraduate Certificate credits still be valid?

Yes, EIT will recognise any EIT Postgraduate Certificate credits for up to five years after completion.

Will I be able to travel to New Zealand to continue my studies and when?

We are still waiting for news as to when the New Zealand border will reopen and what this will mean for our students wanting to travel to New Zealand. We do not know when this will be. We will keep you informed as and when we receive any information on this.

If I start my study online and the New Zealand border reopens, can I finish my EIT Postgraduate Certificate study in New Zealand?

Yes. If the course is offered both online and face to face, the delivery should be synchronous. If there is no face to face offering of a particular course that you start online, you will need to complete the course online and would be able to start face to face at the next term entry point.

Can I study less than four courses (60 credits)?

You can enrol for just one Postgraduate Certificate course per term and pay the relevant fees. Once the New Zealand border reopens you can continue your studies for your EIT Postgraduate Diploma or Masters degree and gain cross-credits for the online study portion.

You will also need to sign an acknowledgement that you understand that you risk not gaining any qualification until you complete 60 credits i.e. the number of credits needed for a Postgraduate Certificate qualification.

Please note if you hold an offer for a Postgraduate Diploma and you study more than 30 credits online, this may affect your eligibility to apply for a post-study work visa.

For the latest and most up to date information, please see the [Immigration New Zealand website](#)

VISA

Do I need a student visa to study through EITGraduate Online while I am outside of New Zealand?

Students who are overseas can study online without a visa. When New Zealand's border restrictions are lifted, you can provide evidence of your online study to support your visa application. For the latest and most up to date information, please see the [Immigration New Zealand website](#)

How will my current visa be affected if I am studying online?

Whilst you do not need a visa to study online while you are still outside New Zealand, you do need a valid visa to study onshore in New Zealand when the time is right for you to travel.

If you have not yet applied for your visa, Immigration New Zealand has advised students to delay applying for their student visas until advised they are processing new visa applications for offshore students. If you have already applied and not yet received a decision, Immigration New Zealand will advise you of the next steps when they contact you. For the latest and most up to date information, please see the [Immigration New Zealand website](#)

One of my goals is to gain work experience in New Zealand through the post-study work visa. If I study while I am outside New Zealand, am I eligible for a post-study work visa?

Current requirements for post-study work visa applications still apply. For the latest and most up to date information, please see the [Immigration New Zealand website](#)

If I study online, when the New Zealand border reopens am I able to travel immediately?

As soon as we receive notification of the New Zealand border reopening, we will be in contact with our students who are studying online to advise them of the next steps.

ONLINE STUDY

What will online study be like?

EITGraduate Online offers a fully integrated New Zealand study experience which includes a series of classes with interaction with lecturers, New Zealand based students, industry experts and all the support you need to succeed. Faculty will prepare individual course plans with each student. You will have set classes during the week that you have to attend. However these will be online not face to face in class.

Please note that attendance records will be kept and students are still expected to attend 100%. With online learning, students also have to complete online activities during the week to meet their attendance requirements. Therefore students must attend weekly classes online AND complete weekly online activities to be marked 'attended' on the EIT system.

Will I need to buy textbooks? How can I source New Zealand based material?

A postgraduate programme needs wide reading to gain different perspectives. You will not need to buy any specific textbooks. New Zealand specific content will be provided on the online study platform, EIT Online.

What are the technical and system requirements?

- A good internet connection
- A computer system capable of video and ability to interact on online platforms
- Our EIT technical team will be available to help

What do I need to do to succeed?

At EIT we have academic support services to ensure that we are there to help you when you need it. Some keys to success are:

- Bring a positive attitude and enjoy your study
- Commit to the period of study and ensure you attend all sessions
- Plan and create a study space
- Be ready to ask questions during interactive sessions and engage with your classmates and EIT lecturers
- Pre-reading is very important to make a contribution and learn during the process of discussion
- Take advantage of the academic and student support team and services; attend orientation and all training session to help you understand how to complete assessments, referencing requirements and forums.

Will my qualification be less recognised if I study online in my own country?

Courses taught online will be the same as those taught in New Zealand and the qualification and recognition will not be differentiated between online and face to face delivery.