# Advanced Diploma of Interpreting FAQ’s

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## What happens if I need to withdraw from my studies?

You have the option to modify your enrolment, such as applying for a leave of absence or cancelling the program before the respective census date for each course. The census date marks the deadline for altering your course enrolment and typically falls several weeks after the course commencement date. This timeframe is designed to allow students to fully experience the course and decide whether it is the right course for them. Please be aware that the scholarship cannot be deferred and opting to cancel or defer the courses will result in the loss of the scholarship place.

If you do not meet attendance requirements, defer or cancel enrolment, you may be asked to repay the scholarship.

## Can I defer my scholarship?

The scholarship cannot be deferred.

## What if my language is not on the list?

At this stage, scholarships are only available for the languages listed in each course.

## Am I eligible if I don’t live in Victoria?

No. The Interpreter Scholarship Program will only be offered to applicants who reside in Victoria.

## How long is the course and how will it be delivered?

Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Spoken Language): 1 year, blended.

## What are the contact hours? And is there a heavy study load?

The Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Spoken Language) typically requires 3 days per week of classes, along with an additional 3 hours of independent study per subject per week. Most of the course activities are delivered online, with some in-person classroom sessions held at RMIT University’s City Campus.

## Is there a minimum student enrolment requirement for the course to proceed? Additionally, what if I meet the scholarship requirements but the course cannot run due to low student enrolment?

We require a minimum number of participants for each language in the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting courses. In cases of low enrolment, students may be offered the option to enrol in the Introduction to Interpreting Skill Set or the Introduction to Translating and Interpreting Skill Set.

## Do I need to sit a NAATI test?

As a condition of your scholarship, you are expected to sit the relevant NAATI test for the highest qualification available to you upon completing your course. The scholarship will cover one relevant NAATI test fee.

You must sit your test within approximately 6-12 months of completing the program.

When applying, you will need to provide NAATI with evidence of your scholarship. Please keep a copy of your congratulatory letter from the Victorian Government confirming your place in the scholarship program and provide it to NAATI.

For further information on how to apply, visit NAATI’s website: <<https://www.naati.com.au/certification/>>.

## I'm having trouble applying for the Interpreter Scholarship program through the RMIT application portal. Where can I find support?

If you are having technical issues when submitting, please contact RMIT Admissions on:

Telephone: +61 3 9925 8795

Email: [directadmissions@rmit.edu.au](mailto:directadmissions@rmit.edu.au)

## I still have questions, who can I contact?

If you have other questions about the scholarship program, please contact RMIT Translating and Interpreting on:

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