

Student Handbook

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WELCOME

Isolation Performing Arts Studio's (IPAS) purpose is to provide a quality RTO provided accredited training specifically for the Dance Industry. IPAS aims to provide training to dance students, teachers and studio owners to increase the amount of customised accredited courses available helping to strengthen and grow the dance industry as a whole.

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IPAS has been established by Industry experts who have been involved in the dance industry for over 40 years, specializing specifically in accredited training and assessment for more than 15 years.

Studying Through Isolation Performing Arts Studio

Isolation Performing Arts Studio (IPAS) has been created by Industry Professionals who have experience as Dancers, Dance Studio Owners and Dance Trainers. Together we have created resources and teaching material that will engage our students through clear and creative tasks that will suit any cohort.

Through education, support and empowerment of our students, IPAS opens new pathways to help them thrive in both the Entertainment Industry and complementary fields.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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Isolation Performing Arts Studio offers the following courses:

VCE VET Dance

CUA20113 Certificate II in Dance with selected units of competency from the CUA30113 Certificate III in Dance

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Course Objective

VCE VET Dance is a pre-vocational course, and will prepare you to audition for further (tertiary) training as dancer, dance teacher or choreographer. The course will give you a taste of what the industry is like so you can work out if you want to pursue dance as a career. If you successfully complete this course you will receive a Certificate II in Dance CUA20113 and partial units from Certificate II in Dance CUA30113 . VET Dance are available as a VCE subject OR as part of a VCAL program.

VCE VET Dance Entry Requirements

There are no prerequisites to enrol in this course, but previous experience in dance will be an advantage. Students may commence VCE VET Dance in year 10 or 11.

What makes our program unique

Our VCE VET Dance trainers are all approved holders of the CUA20111 Certificate II in Dance. These trainers have relevant accreditation and qualifications, and also current experience. Their skills, knowledge and experience are mapped against each unit of competency they deliver. This information is updated annually and evidence of new professional learning activity is recorded and filed. This information is kept in the Dance Factory RTO Trainer Register.

Our trainers consider individual student needs when finalising training programs and assessment. This may be reflected in changes of approach to training and types of activities, the styles of dance offered, the integration of physical activity with sedentary or group tasks versus independent work.

VCE VET Dance ATAR score contributions

- 2 solos (one in each dance style) contribute 50% to your ATAR score for VCE VET Dance
- School assessed coursework contributes the other 50% of your ATAR score for VCE VET Dance

For more details, see the VCE VET Dance page on the VCAA website here.

Course Structure

The Certificate II in Dance CUA20113 VCE VET Dance course is delivered over two years part-time. Students should complete Units 1 & 2 (year 1) before enrolling in Units 3 & 4 (year 2).

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Units 1 & 2 Core units

BSBWOR203 Work effectively with others

CUADAN201 Develop basic dance techniques

CUAWHS101 Follow safe dance practices

CUAWHS201 Develop a basic level of physical condition for dance performance

Units 1 & 2 Dance Electives:

CUADAN203 Perform basic jazz dance technique

CUADAN205 Perform basic contemporary dance technique

CUADAN206 Perform basic ballet dance technique

CUADAN207 Perform basic tap technique

CUADAN208 Perform basic street dance technique

CUADAN209 Perform basic cultural dance technique

Units 3 & 4 Core & Compulsory Units:

CUADAN202 Incorporate artistic expression into basic dance performances

CUAPRF201 Prepare self for performances

CUAIND201 Develop and apply creative arts industry knowledge

CUAPRF304 Develop audition techniques

Units 3 & 4 Dance Electives:

CUADAN305 Increase depth of jazz dance technique

CUADAN306 Increase depth of ballet dance technique

CUADAN307 Increase depth of cultural dance technique

CUADAN308 Increase depth of contemporary dance technique

CUADAN309 Increase depth of street dance technique

CUADAN311 Increase depth of tap technique

VCE VET Dance study hours

The nominal hours for VCE VET Dance depend on which elective units/dance styles you choose, and range from 320 to 400 hours over the two years of the course.

SELECTION AND ENROLMENT

Isolation Performing Arts Studio accepts applications from all students who meet the entry requirements published in the course information. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis but if a course is full, you will be offered a place in a course starting at a later date.

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To apply to enrol in a course, you must complete an Enrolment Form available at www.IPAStudios.com.au If you are applying for a course that has entry requirements you will also need to provide the necessary evidence (as indicated on the Course Outline) such as verified copies of qualifications, CV or other evidence.

If you are applying for Credit you should indicate this on your enrolment and supply certified copies of your transcripts so we can assess your application for Credit. See the section on Credits in this Handbook below.

Once you have completed your enrolment form and gathered all the necessary evidence, send it to kerrie@IPAStudios.com.au, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$50. You will be contacted within 7 days to let you know the status of your application/ enrolment and to confirm your details.

As part of the entry requirements you may be required to attend an interview. Details of the interview will be provided at this stage.

Upon approval of your application/enrolment, you will be sent further information about the next steps, payment arrangements and how you can get started in your course.

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A Unique Student Identifier (USI) is a reference number made up of numbers and letters that creates a lifetime record for an individual of all the nationally recognized training that has been completed. Under the Unique Student Identifiers Act 2014, all RTOs must ensure they have a valid USI for any student that enrolls in nationally recognised training from 2015. This means (unless you have an exemption issued by the USI registrar) that as a student you must either:

- · Provide us with your USI, or
- Provide us with permission to access or create your USI on your behalf.

For information about exemptions for individuals please review this webpage: https://www.usi.gov.au/training-organisations/training-organisation-requirements/exemptions-individuals/how apply

If you are providing us with permission to access or create your USI we will need a valid form of identification. The ID that you provide for this purpose will be destroyed once we have used it for this purpose.

If you would like to create your own USI, please visit: http://www.usi.gov.au/Students/Pages/default.aspx

We are unable to issue a qualification or a statement of attainment unless we have a valid USI or a notice of exemption from the registrar.

CREDITS

A credit is formal recognition of the previous studies you have completed for the purpose of reducing the units or modules that you are required to complete in the course you are enrolled in with us.

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Isolation Performing Arts Studio can grant you credit towards your course for units of competency or modules that you have already completed with another RTO or authorised issuing organisation. We can also grant you Credit for subjects or units you have completed where equivalence can be established between the unit/ module in your course, and the subject or unit you have completed.

There is no charge to apply for Credit.

To apply, fill in the Credit Application Form and submit it as part of your enrolment/application. You can apply for Credit at any time however it is best you do this as part of your enrolment so that Credits are known upfront and you are not required to do any work that you otherwise may not have needed to do.

Make sure you attach certified copies of transcripts from your previous study. In some cases we may ask for additional information about the subject or unit you previously studied so we can determine equivalence. Your Credit Application may be returned to you if you don't provide the required information.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process where skills and knowledge that you have gained through work and life experience and other unrecognised training can be formally recognised.

Isolation Performing Arts Studio has a process that has been structured to minimise the time and cost to applicants and provides a supportive approach to students wishing to take up this option. You should ideally apply for RPL at the time of enrolment but you may also apply up to 2 weeks into your course.

If you think RPL is a suitable option for you, the first step is to contact your trainer/assessor or our office and have a conversation about whether or not RPL might be suitable for you. Suitability is often determined on how much experience you have in a certain area, your work history and previous training. If RPL is determined as a possibility for you, you will be provided with a kit that will guide you in working through each unit to determine relevant skills and experience and identify whether you would be able to provide the required evidence.

A trainer/assessor will be available to assist you throughout this process.

To apply for RPL, you will need to fill in a part of the kit and return it with an RPL Application Form. Your application will then be assessed for suitability and you will then be contacted by an assessor to progress the RPL process.

From here, usually the RPL process involves gathering evidence to demonstrate skills, knowledge and experience, responding to questions, completing tasks and depending on the area, observation of your work skills in your workplace.

Fees are applicable for Recognition of Prior Learning and you will be advised of these fees upon contacting us.

For more information about submitting an application for RPL, contact the head office.

COURSE LOCATIONS

51 Catalina Dive, Tullamarine 3043

COURSE INDUCTION

At the start of your course will be provided with an induction. The induction will provide you with specific details about your course requirements, important dates and will be an opportunity to meet your trainer and the other students in your course.

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The induction will also provide you with important information about health and safety requirements including emergency evacuation procedures and incident reporting (see section in this handbook on health and safety), as well as a range of other important matters relating to your rights and responsibilities as a student.

The induction also provides an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have about studying with us. During this induction, we also make sure that we have all the required forms and paperwork filled in.

At your induction you will receive your first set of learning materials so that you can start on your learning journey. General housekeeping arrangements are also discussed as stated in the section below.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Student Rights

Student Responsibilities (see website)

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The training and assessment offered by Isolation Performing Arts Studio focuses on providing you with knowledge and skills required to the standard of performance required in the workplace. This is known as competency based training and assessment. Each of the components of your course is a "unit of competency". You may either be studying one or a few units of competency or a set of units that make up a total qualification. Each unit of competency is linked to specific skills and knowledge required in the workplace.

Many of our courses are delivered in clusters. This means groups of similar units have been packaged together and to avoid repetition. You will receive training and assessment for all units in a cluster at the same time.

Our course outlines include the details of how we deliver the training to you as well as the assessment methods that will be used to assess whether you have reached the required standard of performance. Generally our courses may involve classes, workplace component, homework and online learning. Assessment methods vary from course to course but usually include written questions, projects, written assignments, and practical observations.

ATTENDANCE AND HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS

If you are enrolled in a class-based course, it is an expectation that you attend every class so as to not fall behind. Please notify your trainer at least 30 minutes prior to class if you are unable to attend for some reason.

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There will also be an expectation that you complete a certain amount of homework each week in order to finish learning and assessment tasks required for completion of your course. Your trainer will guide you on what to do during this time and how much is expected. This is also outlined on the Course Outline.

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

At the beginning of each unit or cluster, your assessor will go through the arrangements for assessment with you and you will be given all the details about the assessment requirements.

At this time you will:

- Be provided with detailed assessment instructions for each task/requirement which includes the criteria that you'll be assessed against.
- Be informed of relevant due dates or timing of assessments to be conducted

Your assessor will go through all of the arrangements with you and you can ask them any questions you have.

Submitting your assessments

You must submit written assessment tasks with a completed and signed Assessment Task Cover Sheet. The cover sheet asks you to make a declaration that the work is your own. Written tasks will not be accepted without a signed cover sheet.

Assessments can be submitted directly to the trainer/assessor:

You must keep a copy of all tasks that you submit as we are not able to return copies because we must keep them as evidence in your file. Additionally, we will not be held responsible for any items that go missing. If this occurs, you will be asked to re-submit the work.

Assessment outcomes

Each assessment task will be given an outcome of either Satisfactory (S) or Not Satisfactory (NS). You must complete all tasks for a unit satisfactorily to achieve an overall outcome of Competent (C) for a unit. If one or more of your tasks are assessed as Not Satisfactory, you will be given an overall outcome for the unit of Not Yet Competent (NYC). You can have 2 further attempts to complete the task and achieve a Satisfactory outcome. You will be given a timeframe for your resubmission and advised what you must include in your resubmission.

If, after the third attempt, you are still assessed as Not Satisfactory for a task, you will need to complete additional training and assessment to support you in achieving a Competent outcome. This may incur an additional fee for self-funded students as identified in the fees and charges information.

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Reasonable adjustment in assessment

Some students may need modifications to assessments due to disability, illness or special considerations – this is called reasonable adjustment.

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Reasonable adjustment can involve:

- Making training and assessment resources and methods more accessible e.g. providing learner workbooks in an audio format or on different coloured paper.
- · Adapting physical facilities, environment and/or equipment e.g. setting up hearing loops. · Making changes

to the assessment arrangements e.g. more time allowed for assessments. • Making changes to the way

evidence for assessment is gathered e.g. written questions asked orally

Please speak to your assessor if you think that you may need an adjustment made. Note these adjustments are made at the discretion of your assessor based on your identified needs.

Appealing assessment decisions

If you do not agree with any assessment decision, you can lodge an assessment appeal. Please refer to the Complaints and Appeals section in this handbook for information about how to lodge an appeal.

STUDENT PLAGIARISM, CHEATING AND COLLUSION

Isolation Performing Arts Studio has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism, cheating and collusion. Students are expected to act with integrity at all times and only submit work that is their own or that has been appropriately referenced and includes acknowledgements of all resource materials used in the preparing the work.

When you submit your assessments, you will be required to sign a declaration that the work provided is your own and that you have not cheated or plagiarised the work or colluded with any other student/s.

If you are found to have plagiarised, cheated or colluded, you will be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations. If you are found to have plagiarised, cheated or colluded, we will be required to take disciplinary action which is likely to require you to complete the assessment again.

SUPPORT SERVICES

We are committed to ensuring that you get all the support you need to be successful in your studies. You may not have studied for a while and or you might need help with study skills. You may also need assistance with skills such as reading, writing and maths.

The enrolment form you complete will help us to identify any support you need and depending on the course you are enrolling in, you may also be required to complete a test that assesses your language, literacy and numeracy skills. Based on the information you provide in your enrolment and/or the results of your language, literacy and numeracy test, we will contact you to discuss your support needs.

Your support needs can also be discussed during the induction to your course.

Services that we can offer to you include:

- One to one support from our trainers/assessors including providing you with their phone and email contact details
- · Classes to assist with study skills.

- Study groups where you can work with your fellow students.
- Referral to relevant external services.
- · Specialist support services for students with a disability.
- · Personal counselling

Contact us at 0419358725 to discuss your support needs.

EXTERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES

For students requiring additional support with their studies, work or life, Isolation Performing Arts Studio provides the following referrals to community organisations who may be able to assist you. Please note that some of these services may attract a fee which is payable by you.

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Reading and Writing Hotline

Telephone: 1300 655 506 Website: http://www.literacyline.edu.au/index.html

For the price of a local call anywhere in Australia, the Hotline can provide you with advice and a referral to one of 1200 providers of courses in adult literacy and numeracy.

The Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission

Telephone: (03) 9281 7100 Website: http://www.equalopportunitycommission.vic.gov.au/home.asp

The Commission can resolve individual complaints about discrimination, sexual harassment and racial and religious vilification by offering a conciliation process that is confidential, impartial, free, and simple.

Legal Aid Victoria

Telephone: 1800 677 402 Website: http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Victoria Legal Aid helps people with their legal problems and focuses on helping and protecting the rights of socially and economically disadvantaged Victorians. It can provide assistance in the areas criminal law, family law and some civil law matters. Legal representation is subject to policy guidelines and means tests in most cases. They have lawyers in offices in most major metropolitan and country regions.

Disability Rights Victoria

Telephone: 1800 462 480

Disability Rights Victoria is an advocacy organisation directed by people with a disability. They work with and on behalf of adults with a disability. They provide individual advocacy, information and support to people with a disability via our network of advocates located across Victoria. This support may include making representation on behalf of individuals with a disability, helping individuals to advocate for themselves or helping others to advocate for them.

Lifeline

Telephone: 13 11 14

Anyone can call Lifeline. The 13 11 14 service offers a counselling service that respects everyone's right to be heard, understood and cared for. They also provide information about other support services that are available in communities around Australia. If you feel that you might need telephone counselling, you can call about anything that might be troubling you.

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Kids Help Line

Telephone: 1800 55 1800 Website: www.kidshelpline.com.au

If you're under 18 years of age you may consider contacting who provide access to telephone, web and email

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counselling.

Fair Work Australia

Telephone: 1300 799 675 Website: www.fwa.gov.au/index.cfm

Fair Work Australia is the national workplace relations tribunal. It is an independent body with power to carry out a range of functions relating to minimum wages, employment conditions, termination of employment and other workplace matters.

Reach Out

Website: www.reachout.com.au

Reach Out is a web-based service that inspires young people to help themselves through tough times, and find ways to boost their own mental health and wellbeing. Their aim is to improve young people's mental health and wellbeing by building skills and providing information, support and referrals in ways they know work for young people.

YOUR FEEDBACK

Your feedback is important to us and assists in ensuring that our services meet your needs. We use feedback from students and employers to contribute to our continuous improvement processes so we are always striving to do better.

All students and employers will be provided with a Quality Indicator Survey issued by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) that they are required to complete. Please help us by completing the surveys that are provided to you by your trainer/assessor. Some may also be mailed or emailed to you from our office.

We also welcome feedback from you at any time by email and phone.

ACCESS TO YOUR RECORDS

You may access or obtain a copy of the records that Isolation Performing Arts Studio holds about you at any time. This includes personal information and records of participation and progress.

If you want to access or obtain a copy of records, you must make a request in writing to the Training Manager using the Access to Records Request Form outlining which records you wish to access. There is no charge to access your records however there is a cost of 25c per page for photocopying.

Access to records may be provided by:

- · making copies of the records held in a file
- · providing a time for you to review your file
- providing access to the online portal where some records about the course can be viewed.

Amendment to records

If a student considers the information that Isolation Performing Arts Studio holds about them to be incorrect, incomplete, out of date or misleading, they can request that the information be amended.

Where a record is found to be inaccurate, a correction will be made. Where a student requests that a record be amended because it is inaccurate but the record is found to be accurate, the details of the request for amendment will be noted on the record.

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LEGISLATION AND YOU

As a student, you have both rights and responsibilities under applicable legislation.

Workplace Health and Safety

Under the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011, Isolation Performing Arts Studio must provide a safe environment for both staff and students, as well as providing information to staff and students in relation to health and safety and welfare. Isolation Performing Arts Studio has policies and procedures in place to ensure your safety and on commencement of your course you will provided with information about health and safety.

As a student you also have a responsibility to follow instructions and rules and to behave in ways that are safe and do not endanger the health and safety of others. Always ensure that you:

- Immediately report hazards to your trainer/assessor.
- Seek assistance from a member of staff if you become ill or injured on campus.
- Only assist another person who is ill or injured if it is safe to do so. If you're not sure, call on a member of staff for assistance.
- · Complete an incident report as required.
- Ensure you are familiar with Isolation Performing Arts Studio emergency evacuation procedures and in the case of an emergency, follow the instructions given to you.
- Do not leave bags or personal belongings lying around where someone else could trip over them. Do

not smoke or drink alcohol on the premises.

 Observe basic hygiene practices such as hand washing before handling and eating food and leaving toilets and washbasins clean and tidy, etc).

Harassment, victimisation or bullying

Isolation Performing Arts Studio is committed to providing all people with an environment free from all forms of harassment, victimisation and bullying. Isolation Performing Arts Studio will not tolerate any behaviour that harms, intimidates, threatens, victimises, offends, degrades or humiliates another person.

Anti-discrimination law defines harassment as any form of behaviour that you do not want, that offends, humiliates or intimidates you and that creates a hostile environment. Examples of harassment are making fun of someone, spreading rumours, offensive jokes, ignoring someone, etc.

Victimisation is where a person is treated unfairly because they have made a discrimination complaint.

Bullying is verbal, physical, social or psychological abuse by a staff member or student. Bullying falls under health and safety legislation.

If you at any time feel that you are being harassed, victimised or bullied by a staff member or student, you

should follow these steps.

If you feel that you are being harassed, victimised or bullied, ideally you should tell the person that you don't like the behaviour and ask them to stop. However, if you are not comfortable doing this, you should lodge a complaint as per Isolation Performing Arts Studio Complaints and Appeals procedure and detailed in this Handbook.

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Equal opportunity

The principles and practices adopted by Isolation Performing Arts Studio aim to ensure, that current and prospective students, clients and other stakeholders are treated fairly and equitably in their dealings with Isolation Performing Arts Studio.

All people will be treated courteously and expeditiously throughout the process of enquiry, selection and enrolment and throughout their participation in a course.

Isolation Performing Arts Studio provides equity in access to the level of training and support required by each student. All students are supported in a manner that enables them to achieve their full potential and success in their training outcomes. All students are provided with opportunities to develop and successfully gain skills, knowledge and experience through education and training.

National VET Regulator Act 2011

As a student in Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector, you should expect high-quality training in your area of interest, leading to a qualification that improves your prospects of gaining the job you want or provides a pathway to further study.

As a Registered Training Organisation registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, we are required to comply with the National VET Regulator Act 2011. This involves meeting a series of Standards that ensure that the training and assessment and support services are provided to you in accordance with nationally mandated standards.

Student Identifiers Act 2014

Under this Act, we are required to ensure that all students have a USI. We are unable to issue a qualification of a statement of attainment for any student if we don't have a USI on file.

If you're studying nationally recognised training in Australia from 1 January 2015, you will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains all your training records and results (transcript) that you have completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results from 2015 will be available in your USI account in 2016.

For students and training organisations, the main benefits of the USI are:

- Students will be able to get a complete record of their Australian-wide VET achievements from a single, secure
 and accurate online source.
- There will be immediate access to VET records. This means they can be quickly given to employers, other training organisations etc as proof of VET achievements.
- It will be easier for training organisations to assess students' pre-requisites, credit transfers and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

For more information about the USI please refer to http://www.usi.gov.au/About/Pages/default.aspx

PRIVACY POLICY

In collecting your personal information Isolation Performing Arts Studio will comply with the requirements set out in the Privacy Act 1988, the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2001 and the relevant state privacy legislation.

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This means that we will:

- Inform you of the purpose for which the information is collected.
- Only use the personal information that you provide to us in relation to your study with us. •

Ensure your personal information is securely handled and stored.

- We will inform you of any organisation and the type of organisation to which we disclose personal information e.g. the Australian Government or the National Centre for Vocational Education Research, as well as the purpose of disclosing this information e.g. for statistical purposes..
- We will not disclose your personal information to another person or organisation unless:
 - We have made you aware that information of that kind is usually passed to that person or organisation.
 - You have given written consent;
 - We believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to your life or health or that of another person;
 - The disclosure is required or authorised by or under law; or
 - The disclosure is reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law or of a law imposing a
 pecuniary penalty, or for the protection of the public revenue.

ISSUING OF CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

On completion of your course and payment of all relevant fees, we will issue you with a qualification (testamur/certificate) and record of results within thirty (30) days. The record of results will show the units of competency achieved in the course and corresponding results.

Where a student withdraws or partially completes a course, a Statement of Attainment will be issued within thirty (30) days of withdrawal as long as all relevant fees have been paid. A record of results will only be provided with a statement of attainment where requested.

Isolation Performing Arts Studio reserves the right to with-hold the issuance of qualifications and Statements of Attainment until all fees related to the course or qualification have been paid, except where Isolation Performing Arts Studio is not permitted to do so by law.

Isolation Performing Arts Studio must have a valid USI on file for the student for a qualification or Statement to be issued.

Re-Issuing Statements and Qualifications

Records of qualifications and unit achievement are kept on record for a period of at least thirty (30) years. Students can request copies of any of these statements or qualifications at any time for an additional charge. Refer to our Fees and Charges section for the current fee.