

Frequently Asked Questions: Master of Engineering Railway Infrastructure

What is the qualification?

This program is a master degree in railway infrastructure engineering and is available for applicants who have completed an engineering undergraduate degree. There is also a graduate certificate in railway infrastructure engineering available as an early exit option.

Who recognises the program?

- This masters degree is strongly supported by and focused on industry.
- The study content was written by acknowledged industry experts in Australia and overseas.
- The degree is reviewed by an advisory committee of railway experts.
- The degree is closely scrutinised by QUT's academic committees which are subject to public and government audit.
- This degree has strong interest from engineers across a diverse range of global railway organisations and is testimony to the high quality and relevance of the content and standard of assessment applied within the degree.

How does the online study work?

All the study materials, notes information and many of the references are provided to you via QUT's online information databases.

In order to get everyone working together and interacting, we provide you with a map of the locations of everyone in your study unit, as well as online discussion boards, blog tasks, team projects, team presentations, and group discussion forums.

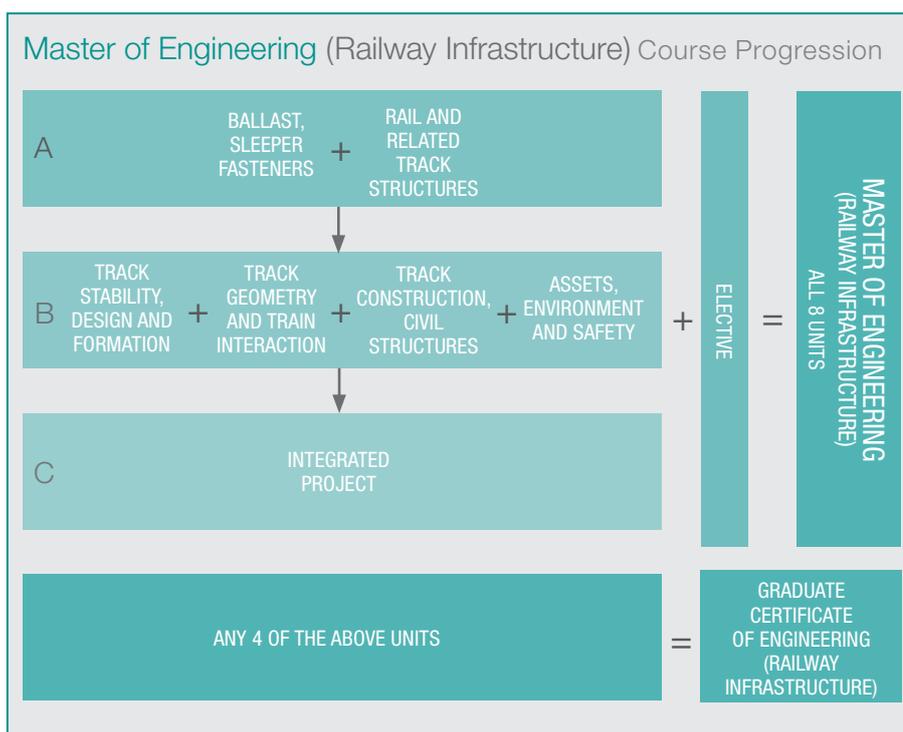
Your primary source of information in each unit is a 'text book' about the topics in that unit, which is broken up into chapters, each of which is able to be downloaded as a pdf file or read online.

In addition, in every unit we provide you with a weekly study schedule which lists the readings for each week, assessment task due dates and activities needing completion.

www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/master-of-engineering-railway-infrastructure

What subjects do I study?

To obtain the Master of Engineering Railway Infrastructure qualification you must complete eight units of study. The recommended progression is detailed in the course map below:



Can I study just one or two units?

Yes you can. If you are working full-time we recommend that you study just one unit each semester. Once you have completed four units you can exit the program with a Graduate Certificate qualification if you choose.

How is the course assessed?

Typically there are three assessment tasks in each unit. These assessments usually comprise a combination of two or more of the following tasks, all of which are conducted or submitted online. There are no formal written examinations in any of the units in this degree. Study requirements include:

- Weekly quizzes
- Blog discussions
- Team projects and presentations
- Spreadsheet analyses
- Project management plans
- Major reports
- Peer reviews
- Group discussions.

With each assessment task in a unit, we provide you with detailed explanations of what you are expected to do.

When will I be studying?

Semester 1 usually runs from February to June each year and Semester 2 from July to November. The submission dates for the assessment tasks are usually spread throughout the semester, with the final tasks due around the end of the first week of June or the first week of November each year.



What do I need to get into the program?

Admission to the degree normally requires a qualification equivalent to a four-year Australian undergraduate engineering degree with a grade point average of 5 or more, or with appropriate experience in the railway industry.

Alternative entry may be possible for those applicants who do not meet these requirements, in which case you need to consult the Course Leader of the program, to discuss enrolment options and entry pathways.

How does the sponsorship work?

In order to apply for the degree you must obtain the agreement of your employer who is required to be actively involved in the railway industry. Your employer must sign the employer sponsorship form, but they are not required to commit to paying your tuition fees. Usually the student pays the fees for the units in the degree and the employer reimburses them when they pass each unit.

How much does the course cost?

The cost for studying a unit in this degree is the same for all students admitted, irrespective of domestic or international status. The following table shows the cost per unit in Australian dollars. There may be an additional small application fee if you are not an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Year	Fee per Unit \$A
2013	\$3204
2014	\$3372

There is no additional cost for text books or other materials, though you may wish to purchase relevant books for your own purposes. Other payments may include a late fee if your application is submitted after the relevant semester deadline.

How do I apply?

Step 1: Go to www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/master-of-engineering-railway-infrastructure download and click on 'APPLY' and complete either:

- the 'PG Form' if you are a domestic applicant OR
- the 'F Form' if you are an international applicant.

You should also obtain certified copies of your qualifications and of the grades you received in the subjects you studied in your previous degree(s).

Step 2: Download and complete the 'Railway sponsorship form'. This form is mandatory and not only advises us that you have your employer's agreement to enrol, but also who should be invoiced by QUT for your tuition fees each semester.

Step 3: If necessary prepare a brief itemised CV (curriculum vitae, or résumé) outlining the details of your railway and other professional experience.

Step 4: Post all these documents to the address on the application form. You should receive acknowledgement of receipt of your application from QUT, usually by email.

Step 5: Submit by the deadline which is normally three weeks before the start of each semester; that is, early February and late June. Please visit the website for the current deadline.

