

AIMS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND IT
(PVT) LTD

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18



1 Scope and Objectives of the Policy

1.1 Objective

1.1.1 To establish the admission and enrollment policy and procedure for applicants under the age of eighteen. In Sri Lanka, adolescents become adults on their eighteenth birthday.

1.1.3 The admission of such applicants necessitates additional consideration so that AIMS can fulfill its obligations and accommodate any additional support and well-being requirements.

1.2 Range

1.2.1 This Policy applies to all applicants under 18 years old and their parents or legal guardians.

2 Policy Declarations

2.1 Description

2.1.1 At AIMS campus a candidate's suitability for study is determined based on their academic aptitude and potential for success.

2.1.2 AIMS campus does not discriminate on any basis, including age, against applicants who meet the entry requirements of AIMS for a program of study.

2.1.3 All students are expected to behave as adults and assume adult levels of responsibility, as AIMS is an adult environment.

2.1.4 Students are expected to have the skills necessary to study independently with individuals of various ages and backgrounds.

2.1.5 Places are offered on the condition that, if applicable, pupils under the age of 18 will be able to acclimatize to living away from home and manage the associated responsibilities.

2.1.6 AIMS campus regards all students as independent, mature adults, including students under the age of 18.

2.2 Parental Obligation

2.2.1 AIMS is unable to assume the rights, responsibilities, and authority that parents have over their children, and it will not act in loco parentis for pupils under the age of 18.

2.2.2 Parents/legal guardians and applicants under the age of 18 should:

- Understand that any accommodation made for a student under the age of 18 is in the student's best interest. AIMS campus seeks to provide comparable, if not identical, educational opportunities for pupils under the age of 18.

- Understand that AIMS campus does not provide parents/legal guardians or other individuals with information about a student's progress unless the disclosure is required by the Data Protection Act or the student has given explicit and written permission.
- Applicants should be aware that by enrolling at AIMS campus, they will be entering an adult environment and will be regarded as adults. This includes access to materials aimed at individuals older than 18 years old.
- Recognize the level of maturity required to function in an adult educational setting

Realize it is unlawful to sell or purchase alcohol to pupils under the age of 18 years old. AIMS will take reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the law in licensed premises under its control but cannot guarantee the supervision of any individual student.

- Be aware that the applicant must have parental or legal guardian permission to enroll at AIMS campus
- Recognize that the applicant's parents/legal guardians will commit to providing support.
- Meet AIMS' general Terms of Admission by providing emergency contact information for a parent or legal guardian (i.e., a local-based responsible adult such as a family member or friend).
- Recognize that parents (or legal guardians, as applicable) are responsible for the debts of any pupil under 18 years of age.
- Understand that AIMS campus does not provide parents/legal guardians or other individuals with information about a student's progress unless the disclosure is required by the Data Protection Act or the student has given explicit and written permission.

2.2.3 Applicants under the age of 18 who do not have a parent or legal guardian residing in Sri Lanka must provide AIMS with the details of a Sri Lankan based. The Sri Lankan based guardian will serve as their point of contact in an emergency. This guardian can be a nominated Sri Lankan based relative or acquaintance. Alternately, a guardian may be appointed through an organization that provides legal guardianship services, such as the Association of Educational Guardians for International Students (AEGIS), which inspects guardians to ensure they satisfy the necessary requirements.

2.3 Accepting applicants who are at least 18 years old

2.3.1 Applicants are required to provide their date of birth on their application for study.

2.3.2 The application will be processed as usual, and a decision regarding academic suitability will be made without regard to the applicant's age (except in cases where a professional body requirement precludes this).

2.3.3 AIMS campus will include age restrictions on the course information pages that are made available online. Before submitting an application to study at AIMS, applicants should also verify the course information.

2.3.4 If an offer of a place (whether conditional or unconditional) is to be made and the applicant will be 17 years old at the time of entry, the following will apply:

- A formal offer will be communicated in the usual manner.
- AIMS campus reserves the right to independently verify the information contained within these undertakings and consents prior to authorizing enrollment.

2.3.5. These documents must be received prior to enrollment being permitted.

2.3.6 If the applicant is or will be academically qualified for the course by the requested date of entrance, but will be under the age of 17 at the time of entry, the following will apply:

- An offer will not be extended until the applicant's maturity and preparedness to enter an adult environment have been evaluated. A completed Parental Consent Form will be required, and the Student Admissions Committee, or his/her designee, will conduct an evaluation in consultation with relevant colleagues, such as academic and support staff.

An evaluation may consist of supporting statements and references from Schools/Colleges and/or an interview with the applicant and a parent/legal guardian.

- AIMS campus reserves the right to independently verify the information contained in the Parental Consent Form prior to allowing enrollment if the Student Admissions Committee or nominee is satisfied that the applicant has the maturity and understanding required to enter an adult environment.

2.3.7 Enrollment will not be permitted until a properly completed Parental Consent Form is received.

2.3.8 The application will be deemed unsuccessful if the Student Admissions Committee or his/her designee is not convinced that the applicant has the maturity and comprehension required to enter an adult environment.

2.3.9 The applicant may be offered a deferred place for the selected course of study, at the discretion of the Student Admissions Committee or their designee. Any deferral will be for a time when the Student Admissions Committee believes the applicant will have the necessary maturity while still under the age of eighteen.

2.3.10 Once a candidate reaches the age of 18, they are deemed an adult, and this policy no longer applies to them.

2.4 Additional Considerations

2.4.1 AIMS campus is committed to providing a safe environment for minors present on campus or participating in AIMS-sponsored activities.

2.4.2 AIMS campus will respond in accordance with its Safeguarding Policy to any concerns that a student under the age of 18 is experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect.

3 Connections to Additional Institutional Policies and Procedures

3.1 Internal Guidelines

3.1.1 This Policy/Regulation applies to the subsequent institutional regulations, policies, or procedures:

- AIMS campus Policy on Student Protection
- General Terms and Conditions
- Student Immigration and Compliance
- Health and Wellbeing