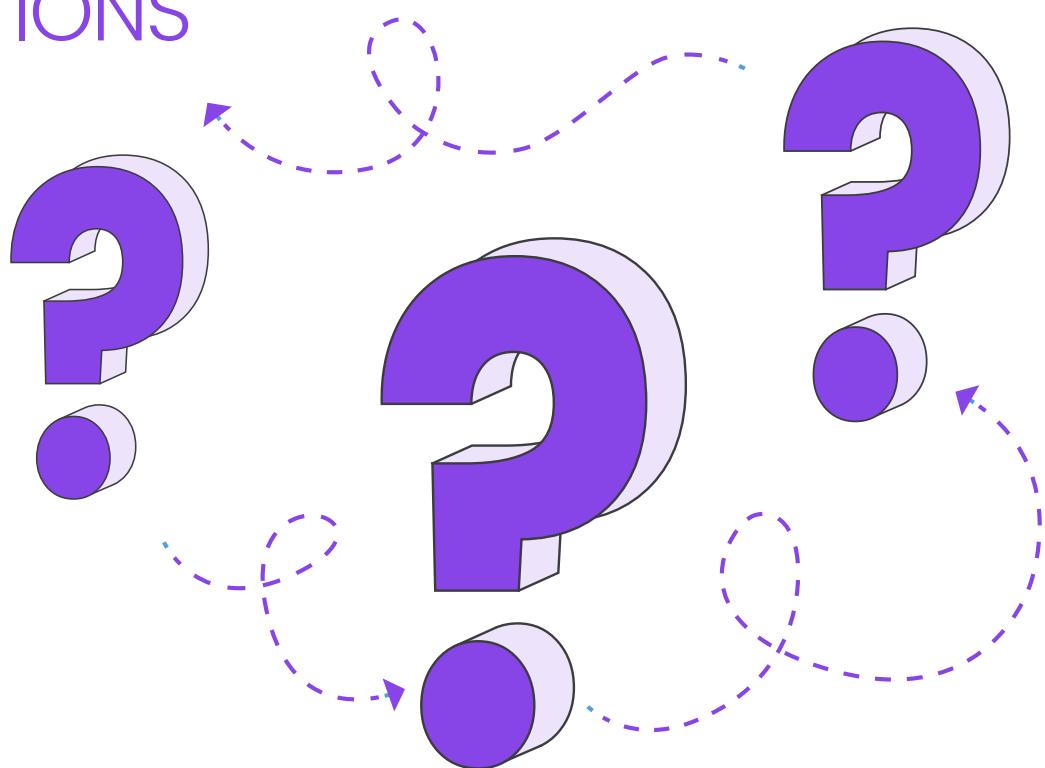# CUA50725 DIPLOMA OF GRAPHIC DESIGN

RTO CODE: 46046

FAQ's

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What qualification will I receive when I complete the course?

You will receive the CUA50725 Diploma of Graphic Design, a nationally accredited qualification delivered under RTO 46046 and regulated by ASQA.

2. Is this course suitable for beginners?

Yes. The course is designed for complete beginners and starts with Module 0: Portfolio Preparation, where you complete the prerequisite requirements before progressing to the Diploma.

3. What are the entry requirements for this course?

Students must be at least 18 years old, have basic computer skills, and complete a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital (LLND) skills test to Year 10 level.

The prerequisite requirements for entry onto Module 1 of the program are completed in Module 0. These requirements are described as follows:

"Students need to be able to demonstrate and/or provide evidence of their graphic design skills and ability. Students need to be able to:

• Produce multiple examples of graphic design work that respond effectively to different design challenges

• Produce typography that supports the overall design solution

• Use graphic design software"

4. How long does the course take to complete?

We recommend that students dedicate at least 17.5 hours of study per week to their studies and assessments. At this pace, you can complete this Diploma in about 26 months (including planned study breaks). This pace allows you to opt for all three options – Home Study, In-Person or Live Online classes.

If you wish to complete your course at a faster pace, you should opt for the Home Study mode. Unlike traditional campuses we support students year-round to complete their studies. We do not have fixed milestones for submitting assignments. Instead, we recommend that you use our study planner tool to create a study plan that works for your lifestyle and schedule. Simply plot the number of hours that you can devote per week, insert fixed study breaks and the tool will provide you with a calendar of submission deadlines for each assessment. In this way, you can dictate your pace of completion.

5. How many hours per week should I study?

We recommend at least 17.5 hours per week. At this pace, students complete the Diploma in around 26 months, including planned study breaks.

6. What study modes are available?

You can choose from three options:

• **Home Study** (online, self-paced)

• **Live Online Classes** (online, self-paced + 20 monthly online Saturday classes)

• **Classroom-Based** (online, self-paced + 20 monthly in-person Saturday classes)

All students access the course through the Online Learning Centre.

7. What is included in the Online Learning Centre?

You will access videos, written content, quizzes, real-world briefs, assignment upload tools, a peer forum, and messaging with your trainer.

The content follows a sequenced learning journey, on a module-by-module basis.

8. Are the trainers qualified?

Yes. All trainers are practising graphic designers and certified trainer/assessors in Vocational Education and Training.

9. How many assessments are there?

In addition to the prerequisite requirements for Module 0, students complete 19 practical online assignments covering the full design process, software skills, and professional practice.

10. What software or equipment do I need?

You will need a computer capable of running industry-standard design software plus stable internet to access the Online Learning Centre.

Adobe Creative Cloud is recommended, but other programs with drawing, layout and typography capabilities are acceptable. Adobe offer a student discount subscription.

Visit: https://www.adobe.com/au/creativecloud/buy/students.html for more details.

11. How much does the course cost?

Prices vary by study mode.

Study Mode	Tuition Fees
Home Study	**Full one-time fee:** $5,450 Initial upfront payment of $1,500 Second payment of $3,950 after 14 days **Easy-pay plan :** 10 monthly payments of $599 Total payment of: $5,990
Live Online	**Full one-time fee:** $7,750 Initial upfront payment of $1,500 Second payment $6,250 after 14 days **Easy-pay plan :** 12 monthly payments of $710 Total payment of: $8,520
Classroom-Based	**Full one-time fee:** $11,000 Initial upfront payment of $1,500 Second payment of $9,500 after 14 days **Easy-pay plan :** 14 monthly payments of $864 Total payment of: $12,096

12. Are the in-person or live online classes mandatory?

No. These 20 Saturday classes (in-person or live online) are optional enhancements. The core diploma can be completed fully online via Home Study.

13. What will I learn in the course?

You will learn concept development, typography, branding, digital imaging, UX/UI, 3D design applications, professional practice, and portfolio development across nine structured modules.

14. How do I apply?

You can enrol online or contact a Course Advisor by phone. Applicants must review the Student Handbook containing policies on refunds, complaints, and appeals.

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15. What career outcomes can I expect?

Graduates are equipped to work as junior or freelance designers, branding designers, digital media designers, content creators, UX assistants, or in other entry-level roles requiring strong design, layout, and creative problem-solving skills.

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