

WHY STUDY MUSIC?



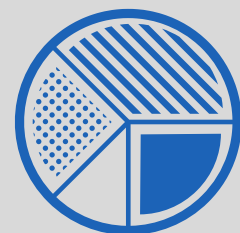
THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WORKING IN MUSIC *



97% of musicians are motivated to pursue their career because they are doing what they love



70% of musicians hold a tertiary qualification in music



Most musicians earn their income from multiple sources - known as a portfolio career

WHAT CAREERS COULD I PURSUE WITH A MUSIC DEGREE?^

Arts Administrator
Audiologist
Band Manager
Booking Agent
Composer
Conductor
Disc Jockey
Entertainer
Ethnomusicologist

Music Teacher
Music Therapist
Music Lawyer
Music Arranger
Music Critic
Music Director
Music Tutor
Musicologist
Multimedia Developer

Music Instrument Maker and Repairer
Production Crew Member
Radio Announcer
Radio Producer
Sound Technician
Speech Pathologist
Stage Manager
Vocalist

* **Making Music Work:**

<https://makingmusicwork.com.au/our-findings/>

^ **The Good Careers Guide:**

<https://goodeducationbookshop.com/>



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TERTIARY MUSIC STUDY: FACT CHECK

I'VE HEARD THAT THE COST OF A MUSIC DEGREE IS DOUBLING. IS THIS TRUE?

No, it's not. Creative Arts degrees are moving from student fee Band 1 to Band 2. This is a change from \$6804/year to \$7950/year. This rise mostly reflects the increased costs of delivering a university education. The contribution made by the Government is almost the same (\$50/year per student less).

Some degrees in Social Sciences and Humanities are increasing considerably, as these are moving from Band 1 to Band 4. While universities haven't yet published information about how each course will be charged in the new system, it's likely that most courses within a music degree will be classified as Creative Arts (Band 2).*

It's important to remember that whatever you study, if you're an Australian citizen, NONE of the fees need to be paid up front. The HECS-HELP system means that your fees are paid later, when your income reaches a specified level. The repayments are deducted with your tax. You only pay back between 1% and 10% of your income, depending on how much you earn. At present, repayments start at 1% when you reach an income of \$46620.^

I'M WORRIED THAT STUDYING MUSIC AT UNIVERSITY WOULD MEAN THAT THE FEES ARE TOO HIGH FOR ME TO PAY BACK.

While it's important to think about what you'll do after you finish your degree, it's also crucial to consider whether you're interested in the subjects. University students who don't enjoy their studies are less likely to achieve to their full potential and more likely to drop out before they finish their degree.

Also, it's possible to study music in combination with courses in other areas, like teaching, mathematics, literature or languages. These subjects increase the range of career pathways available, and also takes advantage of lower student fees in Band 1.

* 2021 Allocation of units of study to funding clusters:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/53407>

^ Study Assist: <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/paying-back-your-loan/loan-repayment>



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