

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS)

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) can help you if your most recent studies were negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control.

There are five EAS categories:

- financial hardship
- home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- personal illness or disability
- educational disruption.

If you're eligible for EAS, you may receive adjustments that increase your chances of getting an offer. If you're assessed as eligible in the financial hardship category, you may automatically be entitled to financial assistance, such as scholarships or bursaries, from some institutions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply for EAS if you are applying for tertiary study through QTAC.

You don't have to be currently studying to apply for EAS, but most EAS categories relate to circumstances that affected your most recent studies. The financial hardship category relates to your current and recent financial circumstances.

EAS cannot compensate for circumstances such as:

- not completing secondary school
- changing school subjects by choice, resulting in you not meeting entry requirements
- missed time from school for activities that are a personal choice (for example, sport, musical or cultural activities).

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for EAS in your QTAC application, by selecting the category or categories you want.

If you want to apply for EAS after you've lodged your QTAC application, call us on **1300 467 822** so we can add it to your application for you.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

EAS is an evidence-based scheme. You must provide documentation as evidence of the disadvantage you have experienced.

You will receive an email invitation to complete an EAS cover sheet and submit supporting documents. The supporting documentation needed for each EAS category is outlined on the cover sheet.

If you're in Year 12 and are applying for personal illness or disability, educational disruption or English language difficulty, you must ask your school to complete the school statement section of the cover sheet.

If you can't provide the documentation, you should submit a statement explaining why. You should also include any alternative documents that may support your case.

You can upload your documents by logging in to your application at qtac.edu.au/applicationservices. Alternatively, you can post your documents to:

QTAC
PO Box 1331
Milton, Qld 4064 Australia

For more information on EAS, visit qtac.edu.au/applying/educational-access-scheme.

