2012 EAS

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

What are Educational Access Schemes?

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) aim to redress the under-representation in the overall student population of applicants who’ve experienced long- term educational disadvantage.

Long-term educational disadvantage/s must be due to circumstances beyond the control or choosing of the applicant, and must have seriously affected the applicant’s educational performance, normally for a period of at least six months.

Educational Access Schemes also aim to redress the statistical under- representation of particular groups in the overall student population of Australian institutions.

Many EAS applicants have multiple disadvantages, but each disadvantage is considered and assessed individually. Applicants should apply for consideration of all disadvantages for which they are eligible.

For details of how the schemes work see *‘How institution schemes work’* on page 13 of this booklet.

Can I apply for EAS through UAC?

You can apply through UAC, using this booklet for reference, if you are:

* an Australian citizen or 
* a New Zealand citizen or 
* a permanent resident of Australia or 
* a holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa.

Can I apply for EAS if I am an elite athlete or performer?

Elite athletes or performers should apply for consideration of all disadvantages for which they are eligible, but cannot claim consideration for disadvantages, which are a result of their sporting and/or performance commitments.

Elite athletes or performers are also able to apply for consideration of their elite athlete or performer status at some institutions. Refer to ‘Options for elite athletes/performers’ in *Table 1: Policies and options* for details.

Application process

Your EAS application form is included in this booklet. You can download additional copies from UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/ eas/. Application material is also available from participating institutions or from UAC.

We have to allow time to process your application after we receive it. To guarantee that your application will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers, submit it to UAC by Wednesday 30 November 2011.

* UAC doesn’t accept emailed or faxed applications
* You must provide all supporting documentation with your EAS application form
* Information that can’t be verified won’t be assessed
* Supporting documents must be correctly verified – read page 11
* If you don’t sign your application it won’t be processed.

UAC doesn’t make allowances or take responsibility for late courier or mail deliveries, or applications lost in the mail.

Remember:

* You can submit only one EAS application
* You can’t change your ED code/s after you’ve submitted your EAS application
* Documents submitted after your EAS application will not be assessed
* Keep a copy of your EAS application form and supporting documents.

Your UAC application for admission

Remember, your EAS application isn’t an application for admission. If you’ve not already done so you must also apply for admission through UAC at www.uac.edu.au