

Educational Access Schemes

Long-term educational disadvantage doesn't necessarily mean that students won't have access to university. Educational Access Schemes (EAS) exist to help applicants who have been affected by circumstances beyond their control.

UAC processes EAS applications for all participating institutions. There are 23 types of disadvantage, which fall into the six broad categories of:

1. disrupted schooling
2. financial hardship
3. home environment and responsibilities
4. English language difficulty
5. personal illness/disability
6. school environment.

For 2006 admissions UAC assessed 7 458 EAS applications, with disrupted schooling, financial hardship and personal illness/disability the predominant categories of disadvantage claimed.

Who can apply?

EAS is open to all UAC applicants who are:

- Australian citizens
- New Zealand citizens
- permanent residents of Australia
- holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa.

EAS is NOT open to applicants who are:

- international fee-paying applicants
- currently (or previously) undertaking tertiary study
- claiming disrupted schooling due to commitments as an elite athlete or performer. (Note that some institutions have special schemes for applicants in this situation.)

How to apply?

EAS booklets and application forms will be distributed to every NSW and ACT secondary school and college in late July/early August. The booklet and form will also be available on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au in early August.

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Any applicant who thinks they might be eligible should submit an EAS application in addition to their UAC application. Current NSW Year 12 students who are attending a NSW PSFP or CAP school and who are claiming **only** those types of disadvantage do not need to complete an EAS application. UAC automatically generates an 'electronic' application for those students.

On-time EAS applications must be submitted to UAC by Friday 29 September 2006. As applicants are required to provide supporting documents, it is a good idea to encourage them to start their application as soon as possible.

UAC 2007 Guide

By now schools should have received their copies of the *UAC 2007 Guide*. The striking Guide cover features *Lotus: A Cultural Deconstruction*, an artwork by Knox Grammar School student King Hong Tan.

As reported in the May 2006 issue of *UAC News*, the 2007 Guide features a new style table of courses. In last year's Guide there were separate tables for Commonwealth-supported place, domestic fee-paying and international fee-paying courses, but this year the information has been combined into one easy-to-read table. Table I – Courses available is now landscape, with three separate columns for CSP, DFEE and IFEE course information including:

- CSP: UAC course code, UAI cut-offs for 2005 and 2006

- DFEE: UAC course code, UAI cut-off for 2006 and annual course fee in \$A (different institutions use different criteria, all of which is explained in footnotes)
- IFEE: UAC course code, UAI cut-off for 2006 (some institutions use projected 2007 cut-off) and annual course fee in \$A (different institutions use different criteria, all of which is explained in footnotes).

The introduction to table I explains the different course types, and their cut-offs and costs. More than 1 200 courses at 15 institutions are listed in the table, which also includes information on modes of delivery and whether course prerequisites, additional selection criteria or early closing dates apply.

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All of the information outlined above will be available on UAC's website (www.uac.edu.au) from early August.

HELP with money at uni?

apply through UAC for Equity Scholarships in 2007

Many university students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. These financial difficulties arise from having limited income (eg Centrelink benefits) and having lots of expenses (eg accommodation costs). Equity Scholarships are awarded to help disadvantaged students with costs associated with higher education.

Equity Scholarships include Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) established by the Australian Government, and Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) established by individual institutions.

UAC provides a central application point for all CLS and most IES administered by NSW and ACT institutions participating through UAC.

About Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS)

CLS assist students who experience financial disadvantage, particularly those from rural and regional areas, and Indigenous students, who are Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent humanitarian visas, with costs associated with higher education. The scholarships are exempt from social security income tests and are non-repayable.

There are **two** types of CLS:

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS), for educational costs: valued at \$2 080 in 2006.
- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS), for accommodation costs: valued at \$4 161 in 2006.

Both are indexed annually and are available for a maximum period of four years.

Each institution allocates CECS and CAS using their own selection and offer processes, in line with guidelines issued by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for information about policies at each institution.

Eligibility for CLS

In **broad** terms, to be eligible for a CLS in 2007 you must:

- be an Australian citizen or the holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa;
- be currently enrolled in, or about to commence, an undergraduate course of study in a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP);

- be enrolled as a full-time student, unless there are exceptional circumstances which prevent you from studying full-time;
- receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, or ABSTUDY), or provide a statement demonstrating exceptional financial hardship; and
- not already have completed the requirements of a course of study, which is equivalent to or higher than an Australian Bachelor award, unless such award is a prerequisite to your current undergraduate course of study and there is no alternative pathway into that course at the university.

In addition applicants for CAS must:

- have attended school and/or lived in rural or regional Australia for an extended period and have moved away from that area to undertake their course; or
- have moved away from a rural or regional area to complete the final two years of schooling at a high school or college in a major city and it is necessary to remain in a major city in order to undertake their course.

Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for detailed eligibility criteria.

About Institution Equity Scholarships (IES)

NSW and ACT institutions that participate through UAC have their own Equity Scholarships schemes known as IES. The eligibility criteria for IES will vary between institutions and schemes, as will the duration and value of the scholarships.

IES applications for most NSW and ACT institutions are through UAC.

Check UAC's *Equity Scholarships* booklet for more information.

How to apply

You can download the *Equity Scholarships* booklet and application form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html. Booklets are also available from any participating NSW or ACT institution or from UAC.

Australian Year 12 students can obtain a copy of the booklet from their school or college.

Closing dates

The main closing date for CLS and IES applications through UAC is Friday 29 September 2006. The major CLS and IES offer round will be held in mid-January 2007. To guarantee consideration in the major round, applications must be submitted to UAC by Friday 29 September 2006. The late closing date for CLS and IES applications through UAC is Thursday 30 November 2006.

Further information

For further information about:

- applying for Equity Scholarships visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equityschols.html
- CLS and what they cover visit www.goingtouni.gov.au
- government guidelines for allocating CLS visit www.dest.gov.au.

Useful websites

Tertiary admissions centre websites

NSW & ACT – UAC
www.uac.edu.au

Queensland – QTAC
www.qtac.edu.au

South Australia – SATAC
www.satac.edu.au

Victoria – VTAC
www.vtac.edu.au

Western Australia – TISC
www.tisc.edu.au

Other useful websites

General higher education information
www.goingtouni.gov.au

Higher Education Reforms
www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au

Centrelink
www.centrelink.gov.au

TAFE New South Wales
www.tafensw.edu.au

NSW Board of Studies
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

University news & updates

Charles Sturt University

Course changes

- B Horticultural Business Management
Orange, 3F
215788 (CSP)

This course has changed title from B Horticulture Management and now incorporates viticultural science into its major studies. Selection criteria have also changed. For more information call 1800 334 733.

- B Agricultural Business Management
Orange, 3F
215028 (CSP)

Horticulture and viticulture have been removed from the major studies of this course. For more information call 1800 334 733.

University of Newcastle

New course

- B Podiatry
Ourimbah, 3F or 6P
480767 (CSP), 490767 (DFEE)

The University of Newcastle is offering a new podiatry program for 2007 admissions that specialises in study of the treatment of the foot and lower limbs and will produce qualified podiatrists. This course is included in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

It is expected that clinical placements will be part of the program. Accreditation for the program is being sought from the NSW Podiatry Board.

For more information call (02) 4921 5000.

Cancelled course

- B Occupational Health and Safety
Ourimbah, 3F or EqP
480761 (CSP), 490761 (DFEE)

The Bachelor of Occupational Health and Safety at the University of Newcastle has been discontinued and will not be offered for 2007 admissions.

Students who have deferred their place in this program from previous years should call (02) 4921 5000 to discuss their options.

University of New England

New course

- B Archaeology with Honours
Armidale, 4F or 8P
391770 (CSP)

UNE has introduced a Bachelor of Archaeology with Honours course for 2007

admissions. This course is included in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

This course offers a broad training in archaeology and palaeoanthropology suitable for students intending to pursue a career in those disciplines. Students will also undertake compulsory study of a language.

Normal admission requirements apply, with enrolment available as either on-campus or distance education.

For more information call 1800 818 865 or (02) 6773 4444 or email studentcentre@une.edu.au.

University of New South Wales

New courses

The following programs are not included in the *UAC 2007 Guide* but will be available for 2007 admissions.

- B Commerce (International), 4F
424010 (CSP)

This program offers students the opportunity to complete two specialisations in commerce, along with a third major or specialisation as part of the international study requirement. Students will study one year of their program overseas.

- B Commerce (Liberal Studies), 4F
424011 (CSP)
- B Economics (Liberal Studies), 4F
424012 (CSP)

These programs offer students the opportunity to broaden their study by pursuing professional business and economics programs along with study in other areas of interest from the disciplines in humanities, social science, language and science.

For more information visit www.fce.unsw.edu.au

University of Technology, Sydney

Current school leaver guaranteed entry scheme for domestic fee-paying (DFEE) places

Students completing a NSW HSC (or another Australian Year 12) in 2006, may be eligible for a guaranteed offer to a DFEE place at UTS, provided they achieve the required UAI cut-off and have applied for that course through UAC.

Visit www.uts.edu.au/study/dfee_entry.html for a list of UTS undergraduate courses to which this guaranteed entry scheme applies.

Applicants who do not achieve the UAI for a guaranteed DFEE offer can still be considered for a DFEE place, but UTS cannot guarantee that an offer will be made.

UTS will offer Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) first, on the basis of academic merit. DFEE places will then be offered to all remaining eligible applicants who have expressed a preference for a DFEE place. The UTS guaranteed entry scheme is subject to places being available within the maximum number of DFEE places allowed by the Australian Government.

University of Western Sydney

Entry into medicine

- B Medicine/B Surgery
Campbelltown, 5F
705750 (CSP), 715750 (DFEE)

Applicants for B Medicine/B Surgery at UWS must complete a School of Medicine MBBS Registration Form **in addition** to applying through UAC and registering for and sitting UMAT (note that UMAT registrations have now closed). The MBBS Registration Form can be downloaded from the UWS website at www.uws.edu.au/about/acadorg/schools/medicine/courses and must be submitted no later than 29 September 2006. Applicants who need help when completing the MBBS Registration Form can call 1800 897 669.

New course

- B Contemporary Art
Penrith, 4F or EqP
708190 (CSP)

This course is included in the *UAC 2007 Guide*. Entry to this course can be based either on UAI or an interview with portfolio presentation in which personal aptitude, professional experience and educational qualifications will be taken into consideration. All applicants are encouraged to participate in the interview process to maximise their opportunities for admission. After applying through UAC, applicants who would like to book an interview must make an appointment through the UWS website at www.uws.edu.au/admissions/onlinebooking

Prior to the interview, applicants must complete the questionnaire available at the above address. Applicants who have difficulty accessing the website can call 1800 897 669. Applicants should complete and return the questionnaire to UWS as soon as possible.

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Important dates for 2007 admissions

The *UAC 2007 Guide* will be distributed to schools from the week beginning Monday 24 July 2006. The 2007 Guide non-Year 12 version (Application form enclosed) will be available from newsagents from Tuesday 1 August 2006.

Applications

Early August 2006	applications open
Friday 29 September 2006	on-time applications close
Tuesday 31 October 2006	late applications close with \$94 late fee
Thursday 30 November 2006	late applications close with \$106 late fee
Thursday 1 February 2007	final close of applications with \$117 late fee

NSW HSC

Tuesday 19 December 2006	2006 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Wednesday 20 December 2006	UAI for NSW HSC students e-released by UAC

ACT Year 12

Tuesday 19 December 2006	2006 ACT Year 12 results issued by ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies
Thursday 21 December 2006	UAI for ACT Year 12 students e-released by UAC

Change of preferences

Mid-August 2006 – 4 January 2007	for consideration in Main Round
17 January 2007 – 22 January 2007	for consideration in Late Round
31 January 2007 – 1 February 2007	for consideration in Final Round

Offers

Friday 27 October 2006	Distance Education offers e-released (9am)
Wednesday 6 December 2006	Early Round offers e-released (9am)
Wednesday 3 January 2007	Preliminary Round offers e-released (9am)
Wednesday 17 January 2007	Main Round offers e-released (9pm)
Wednesday 31 January 2007	Late Round offers e-released (9pm)
Wednesday 7 February 2007	Final Round offers e-released (9am)

UAI eligibility

To be eligible for a UAI in 2006 students must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of UAI courses. These UAI courses must include at least:

- eight units from Category A courses
- two units of English
- three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
- four subjects.

This ensures that all students who receive a UAI will have their UAI based on 10 units.

The UAI will be based on an aggregate of scaled marks in 10 units of UAI courses comprising:

- the best two units of English; and
- the best eight units from the remaining units, which can include up to two units of Category B courses.

Marks to be included in the UAI calculations can be accumulated over a five-year period but if a course is repeated only the last satisfactory attempt is used in the calculation of the UAI.

When Year 10 students choose their Year 12 program of study, please make sure checks are in place to ensure that students are enrolled in the correct courses if they wish to receive a UAI. Also, as students move into Year 11 and Year 12 and change their course enrolments it is important to check that they still maintain a minimum of eight units of Category A courses in their program of study.

For more information on the UAI, visit UAC's website (www.uac.edu.au) and click on the UAI link on the side menu.

UAI courses

UAI courses are Board Developed courses for which there are examinations conducted by the Board of Studies that yield a graded assessment. These are the only courses that can be included in the UAI calculations. UAI courses are classified as either Category A courses or Category B courses.

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University of Western Sydney continued...

Additional selection criteria

- B Performance
Penrith, 4F or EqP
707885 (CSP)

Entry to this course can be based either on UAI or an audition and interview in which personal experience and educational qualifications will be taken into consideration. All applicants are encouraged to participate in the interview process to maximise their opportunities for admission.

After applying through UAC, applicants who would like to book an interview must make an appointment through the UWS website at www.uws.edu.au/admissions/onlinebooking

Prior to the interview, applicants must complete the questionnaire available at the above address. Applicants who have difficulty accessing the website can call 1800 897 669. Applicants should complete and return the questionnaire to UWS as soon as possible.

University of Wollongong

New course

The following course is not included in the *UAC 2007 Guide* but will be available for 2007 admissions (subject to final approval).

- B Business Information Systems
Wollongong, 3F or 6P
753950 (CSP)

Assumed knowledge: Any two units of English.

Major studies: business information systems. You can combine your studies with a minor in accountancy, business law, economics, finance, human resource management, international business, logistics, management or marketing.

Honours: Available as an additional year (or part-time equivalent) to meritorious students.

Professional recognition: Depending on subjects, accredited by the Australian Computer Society.

Career opportunities: Examples include systems integrator, system developer, business systems analyst and systems consultant.

Additional information: This degree is designed for students who wish to study information systems in a business degree.

Year 12 checklist for applying to university

Do you know your UAC PIN?

Your UAC Personal Identification Number (PIN) is your key to applying through UAC and accessing information about your application.

The four-digit number also allows you to access information such as your course preferences, offers and your UAI from UAC's website and InfoLine.

Considering how important this number is – and that it can take time to re-issue it if you lose or forget it – remember to keep your UAC PIN in a secure place.

What is your UAC PIN?

If you are attempting the 2006 NSW HSC or the 2006 ACT Year 12, you are issued with your four-digit UAC PIN in the mail in early August.

What if my UAC PIN doesn't work

If your UAC PIN doesn't work, check that you are trying to use the correct number. NSW students: check that you are using your UAC PIN **not** the PIN issued to you by the NSW Board of Studies.

If you are using the correct PIN and are still experiencing difficulties, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Lost or forgotten UAC PINs

If you are a 2006 NSW HSC or 2006 ACT Year 12 student and have lost or forgotten your UAC PIN, you can have your UAC PIN re-issued by calling UAC on (02) 9752 0200. You will be asked some identification questions. If your details match our database you will be re-issued your UAC PIN over the telephone. If they do not match, you will be asked to write to UAC requesting your UAC PIN be re-issued, or you can come to UAC in person.

Send your written request to:

UAC, Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128

Include the following details:

- a copy of photo identification
- your Australian daytime telephone number
- your signature.

Be warned: Several working days are needed to re-issue your UAC PIN so send your written request well before you need to use your UAC PIN.

If you choose to come to UAC in person to have your UAC PIN re-issued you will need to provide photo identification.

In person:

UAC, Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Homebush Bay
Office hours: 8.30am–4.30pm (weekdays)

Changing your UAC PIN

You can change your UAC PIN via UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au under Online applicant services after you have submitted your UAC application. If you do not have web access call UAC on (02) 9752 0200 to change your UAC PIN. Note that your UAC PIN must be four numeric characters.

Have you moved house?

It is important that you provide UAC with an up-to-date address and telephone number so we can easily contact you – and ensure you receive

your UAC PIN which allows you to apply and access information such as your preferences, offers and UAI.

You can change your address after submitting your UAC application via:

- UAC's website – www.uac.edu.au
- the change of contact details form at the back of the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Telephone, email and fax requests will not be accepted by UAC for security reasons.

You must also separately notify the NSW Board of Studies of your new address. To change your address with the NSW Board of Studies write a letter to: NSW Board of Studies, Attention: Records, GPO Box 5300, SYDNEY 2001.

You must include your: full name, student number, school, former address and new address.

Do you need to provide supplementary information?

Some 2006 Year 12 students may need to submit supplementary information as a part of their application. Refer to page 12 of the *UAC 2007 Guide* for details. There are two versions of Apply-By-Web: one takes supplementary information (Full Year 12). Read the instructions which accompany the application to decide which version you are required to use.

If you are using Apply-By-Telephone, you must submit your supplementary information via the paper Supplementary Form A contained in the Year 12 student edition of the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Remember that IB students can only use Apply-By-Web. Due to the IB's alpha numeric student number IB Students cannot use Apply-By-Telephone.

Do you need someone to act on your behalf?

If you wish to authorise someone to act on your behalf, you can do this by:

- completing the relevant section on your Apply-By-Web application; or
- submitting a Supplementary Form A (question 14) in addition to your Apply-By-Telephone application; or
- providing a letter which authorises someone to act on your behalf. The letter must contain your UAC application number, your full name and signature, and the full name and signature of the person authorised to act on your behalf.

If you are travelling interstate or overseas remember to take a copy of the *UAC 2007 Guide*, your UAC application number and your UAC PIN with you.

Note: This authorisation only applies to the UAC application process. It does not authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf. For details on how to authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf, contact the relevant institution.

Are you studying overseas?

If you are studying a 2006 Australian Year 12 outside of Australia, you will not be able to use the Apply-By-Telephone facility to submit your application. You must use Apply-By-Web.

For more information see your careers adviser, visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au, or call UAC on + 612 9752 0200.

On-time applications close on Friday 29 September 2006

✓ Are you eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes?

Most of the universities in NSW and the ACT have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) which are designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage such as:

- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- home environment and responsibilities
- personal illness/disability.

UAC's EAS booklet contains information about the universities' schemes and includes an application form. You can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/eas.html. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions.

If you think you are eligible, start organising your EAS application as early as possible as you will need to supply supporting documents and statements.

The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 29 September 2006.

You must submit your EAS application by Friday 29 September to guarantee that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers. The late closing date for EAS applications is Thursday 30 November 2006.

✓ Do you know about Equity Scholarships?

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The on-time closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Friday 29 September 2006. The late closing date for Equity Scholarships applications is Thursday 30 November 2006.

Charges and fees for 2007 admissions

UAC Guide

Year 12 NSW and ACT students (distributed through schools)	Free
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Processing charge

Year 12 Apply-By-Web	\$21.00
Year 12 Apply-By-Telephone – higher from mobile telephones; service provided by Dialect Solutions	\$21.00

Late fee (all applicants)

Sat 30 September – Tues 31 October 2006	processing charge + \$94.00 late fee
Wed 1 November – Thurs 30 November 2006	processing charge + \$106.00 late fee
Fri 1 December 2006 – Thurs 1 February 2007	processing charge + \$117.00 late fee

UAC InfoLine – call 1900 957 500

Higher from mobile telephones; service provided by Dialect Solutions	82.5c per minute
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Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)	\$102.00
Sit both tests on same day	\$135.00
Sit both tests on different days	\$200.00
Change your registration	\$42.00
Additional STAT result notice	\$40.00

Changing preferences

Apply-By-Web	No UAC charge
InfoLine	82.5c per minute

All UAC charges and fees include 10% GST.

Please apply carefully as UAC will not refund charges or fees under any circumstances.

Important information with UAC PIN letter

UAC will include a flyer with the UAC PIN letter mailed to NSW and ACT Year 12 students in early August. It provides information about Equity Scholarships and answers some of the common questions about the UAI.

NSW HSC students will also receive the booklet 'You and Your UAI', which deals with the subject in more depth, in December before the release of UAIs on Wednesday 20 December 2006.

Contacting UAC

telephone:	(02) 9752 0200
website:	www.uac.edu.au
email:	use the online enquiry form on UAC's website
postal address:	Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128
in person:	Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Homebush Bay NSW
office hours:	8.30am – 4.30pm (Monday to Friday)

visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au