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Educational Access Scheme Special Consideration for Uni Entry

Region:	Scheme covers New South Wales and ACT
What is it?	<p>This one umbrella scheme enables students applying for university entry, and who wish to have long-term educational disadvantage considered, to complete a single application form for central assessment at the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).</p> <p>The outcomes of the assessment are provided confidentially by UAC to the institutions where students are seeking entry for use in the admissions process only – no information is provided to Faculties or teaching staff.</p>
Contact:	For information about EAS refer to individual university entries in the EAS Booklet, the UAC Guide, or if you are applying to the University of Newcastle, their Admissions Centre on 4921 5000.
UAC Website:	http://www.uac.edu.au/mya/uac/eas.html
Who Can Apply?	<p>For students to qualify they must demonstrate that their educational performance has been significantly affected by circumstances beyond their control over a period of time, eg by a disability or chronic illness, difficult home circumstances and so on.</p> <p>As you read through the booklet you will see that many of the individual entry schemes under EAS operate differently, so outcomes may vary between institutions. The booklet and UAC Guide contain more details.</p>
How To Apply? <small>Keep a copy of the documentation supplied with your application - you will need this if you wish to seek assistance from university disability services.</small>	EAS booklets are provided to schools and TAFES, along with UAC Guides, usually in July/August. They are also available from universities whose enquiry lines can provide more information. The closing date for EAS submission to UAC is the same as for on-time UAC applications (late September each year). Most universities will accept Late Direct EAS applications under extenuating circumstances.
Types of Disadvantage that can be claimed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrupted schooling • Financial Hardship • Home environment and responsibilities • English language difficulty • Personal Illness/Disability • School Environment
What You Need to Do to Apply: <small>Make sure that you apply for university entry as well - you'll need the UAC appl. no. for your EAS application</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your Careers Adviser or Year Adviser for a copy of the booklet or download from the link above • The application form is contained within the booklet • Gather the supporting documentation listed, and keep a copy for when you register with a university disability service • Submit application to UAC - details in the booklet