



Would you benefit from  
support or exam  
provisions  
at uni?



*anxiety disorders, arthritis, asthma, asperger's, attention deficit disorder, bipolar, cancer, cerebral palsy, chronic fatigue syndrome, chron's disease, cystic fibrosis, depression, diabetes, dyslexia, dysgraphia, epilepsy, hearing impairment, learning disability, mobility impairment, multiple sclerosis, schizophrenia, scotopic sensitivity, vision impairment and many more...*

**You may not think of yourself as having a 'disability' but the definition under the Disability Discrimination Act is broad and includes dyslexia, medical conditions, and mental illness.**

**Do you have to put in extra effort at school because of your disability or condition? If so, you might want to utilise the support services available at uni.**

## **Here's Your Get Ready Checklist:**

### **While in year 12 (or earlier):**

- ➔ Uni disability staff can answer all kinds of questions about uni. Make an appointment and get the inside info to help you make decisions and prepare for uni. You can find their contact details on the ADCET website: [www.adcet.edu.au/Uni\\_Disability\\_Advisers.chpx](http://www.adcet.edu.au/Uni_Disability_Advisers.chpx)
- ➔ Check out the Get Ready for Uni website at [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready) and the workbook on the top tips page of the Get Ready for Study and Work website at [www.uws.edu.au/ndco](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco)

- Visit the Disclosure website and decide what you want to tell others about your disability at: [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure)
- Read about the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) in the UAC guide. EAS recognises the impact of personal illness/disability and can make a significant difference to your uni course options.
- Visit Open Days at Universities you are interested in. If you have a hearing impairment, or have a hard time with crowds, contact Disability Services ahead of time. They may suggest you come at the beginning or at the end of the day when it is quieter.

## When applying:

- Lodge your UAC application as required.
- If you make an EAS application (a separate application), keep a copy of your documentation.
- Answer the question for 'People with Disabilities' and then complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire assists disability services staff to identify demand and to plan for their services. You still need to meet with them to set up services.

## When you get your offer and when enrolling:

- Contact disability staff at the uni to let them know you will be enrolling. If you will need services in place at the beginning of semester, for enrolment, and/or for orientation make an appointment immediately. Take along whatever documentation you have.
- At enrolment you will be given the opportunity to indicate you have a disability. This info is compiled in a non-identifying way and sent to the Australian Government for statistical purposes. It may also go to the uni Disability Service, however this does not mean that you are registered with them or will have support in place.
- It is up to you to make contact with Disability Services if you need adjustments because of a disability. If you are unsure, it is better to make contact - that way you will know how the system works if you decide you do need adjustments.

**For more information, you can also talk to your local National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO). The NDCO program is an Australia-wide Government funded program that assists people with a disability move into post-school training, education, and subsequent employment.**

**To find your local NDCO visit: [www.deewr.gov.au/ndco](http://www.deewr.gov.au/ndco)**