

Would you benefit from support or exam provisions at uni?

- anxiety disorders
- arthritis
- asthma
- asperger's syndrome
- attention deficit disorder
- bipolar
- cancer
- cerebral palsy
- chronic fatigue syndrome
- crohn'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, it's best to plan ahead rather than "wait and see" how you manage university study.

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. **Contact the university directly to connect with disability staff.**
- ➔ Check out the Get Ready for Uni website at www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready
- ➔ Decide what you want to tell others about your disability: www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure
- ➔ Read about the Educational Access Scheme (EAS). EAS recognises the impact of personal illness/ disability and can make a significant difference to your uni course options.

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. This is critical if you need course material in electronic formats.**

Remember to make contact with Disability Services early!



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 to move into post-school training, education, and subsequent employment.

To find your local NDCO visit <https://www.education.gov.au/ndcoprogramme>