



National Disability Coordination Officer Program  
AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

## Support in tertiary education and work for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a health condition or disability



- ✦ *anxiety disorders* ✦ *arthritis* ✦ *asthma* ✦ *Asperger's* ✦ *attention deficit disorder*
- ✦ *bipolar* ✦ *cancer* ✦ *cerebral palsy* ✦ *chronic fatigue syndrome* ✦ *Crohn's disease*
- ✦ *cystic fibrosis* ✦ *depression* ✦ *diabetes* ✦ *dyslexia* ✦ *dysgraphia* ✦ *dysgraphia*
- ✦ *epilepsy* ✦ *hearing impairment* ✦ *learning disability* ✦ *mobility impairment*
- ✦ *multiple sclerosis* ✦ *schizophrenia* ✦ *spina bifida* ✦ *vision impairment*
- ✦ *and many more...*

*Do you have to put in extra effort at school, tertiary study or work because of a disability, learning need or medical condition?*

If so, it's likely **you could be accessing adjustments and support**. You may not think of yourself as having a disability but the definition under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) is very broad and includes dyslexia, medical conditions, and mental illness. It is estimated that 1 in 2 Aboriginal people has a disability.

### *In Training*

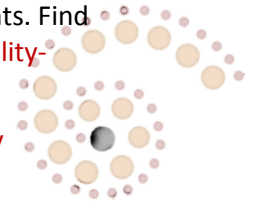
- 🕒 If you are studying, or considering studying at TAFE NSW, have a confidential talk with a Teacher/Consultant for students with disabilities: [www.tafensw.edu.au/services/disability](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/services/disability)
- 🕒 TAFE NSW also has Aboriginal Support Officers you may like to yarn with: [www.tafensw.edu.au/services/indigenous](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/services/indigenous)
- 🕒 Other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) may not have specialist disability or Indigenous staff, however, you are entitled to support so be sure to ask who can help you. Find out more about your rights here: <https://education.gov.au/disability-standards-education> or [www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights)

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## At University

- ② Disability Advisers are available for confidential appointments with prospective students. Find their details here: [www.adcet.edu.au/students-with-disability/current-students/disability-services-university/](http://www.adcet.edu.au/students-with-disability/current-students/disability-services-university/)
- ② Check out the Get Ready for Uni website: [www.westernsydney.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ndco/getready)
- ② Get in touch with Indigenous Education Centres at universities you are interested in: [www.indigenousteaching.com/indigenous-centres-australian-universities](http://www.indigenousteaching.com/indigenous-centres-australian-universities)



## At Work

- ② You may be entitled to workplace adjustments such as flexible hours or equipment. JobAccess can provide comprehensive information about support at work for people with disability: [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au) or 1800 464 800
- ② You may be eligible for job-seeking support from a Disability Employment Service (DES), Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) or Job Services Australia (JSA) provider. Visit your local Centrelink office for more information or call the Employment Services Line on 132 850. You can find more information here: [www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/disabled-ill-or-injured-and-looking-for-work](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/disabled-ill-or-injured-and-looking-for-work)
- ② NSW State Training Services offers a number of Aboriginal services, including the New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Program which helps overcome barriers to education, training and work, and the Way Ahead Mentoring Program for Aboriginal apprentices and trainees. Find out more here: [www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs\\_services/funded\\_other/acp/index.html](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/index.html)
- ② The Aboriginal Employment Strategy, an Indigenous not-for-profit recruitment company, may also be able to help: [www.aes.org.au](http://www.aes.org.au) or 1300 855 347



## For More Info

- ② If you are still at school, you can get help from School Counsellors, Transition Teachers and Career Advisers: ask them lots of questions about what is available after school.
- ② [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) is a great website for general career planning information.
- ② The Australian Network on Disability offers paid internships for university students, and mentoring programs for job-seekers with disability. These can be a great way to develop skills and confidence for the workplace. See [www.and.org.au](http://www.and.org.au).
- ② Check out our Career Toolbox for lots of useful website links: [www.westernsydney.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/887936/careertoolbox\\_disability.pdf](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/887936/careertoolbox_disability.pdf)
- ② Check out the Get Ready for Study and Work website: [www.westernsydney.edu.au/ndco](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ndco)
- ② Talk to your local National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO). The NDCO program is an Australia-wide Government funded program that assists people with disability succeed in tertiary education and subsequent employment. Find your local NDCO here: [www.education.gov.au/ndcoprogramme](http://www.education.gov.au/ndcoprogramme)
- ② For information about Australian Government initiatives in your region see [www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)

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