



## Would you benefit from support or exam provisions at uni?



- ✧ anxiety ✧ 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 ✧

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 take advantage of the support services available at uni.

### **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 here: [www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/disability-contacts.pdf](http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/disability-contacts.pdf)
- ➔ Check out the Get Ready for Uni website: [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready)
- ➔ Decide what you want to tell others about your disability: [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure)

### **When applying**

- ➔ Read about the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) in Part 1 of the UAC guide. EAS recognises the impact of personal illness/disability and can make a significant difference to your uni course options.
- ➔ Answer the question for 'People with Disabilities' and then complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire assists disability services staff to plan for your transition (but you still need to meet with them to set up services).

### **When you get your offer and when enrolling**

- ➔ Contact disability staff at the university 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. The disability staff do not have access to documentation you provided to UAC, so it's important to keep a copy.
- ➔ 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 Disability Service of the university, but it is up to you to make contact if you need adjustments because of a disability.

**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 NSW NDCO: [www.deewr.gov.au/ndco](http://www.deewr.gov.au/ndco)**