

# Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage

## What is educational disadvantage?

Educational disadvantage is a disadvantage which has significantly affected an applicant's previous studies so that the record of studies is not, in the applicant's opinion, a true reflection of their academic ability.

**If you have not been disadvantaged in your studies to date, you are not eligible for special consideration through SATAC.**

## How is special consideration of educational disadvantage applied?

Upon receipt of an applicant's completed Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage form and required documentation, SATAC assesses the disadvantage that affected an applicant's studies, and ranks it according to guidelines agreed upon by the two universities in South Australia and Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory.

Cases which are ranked as worthy of further consideration are forwarded to the universities who determine whether to take affirmative action in the selection process.

To assist the universities in making their decision, a code is assigned by SATAC to describe the nature of the disadvantage as follows:

### Disability and health

- **SH1** — Vision
- **SH2** — Hearing
- **SH3** — Learning disability (speaking and listening)
- **SH4** — Learning disability (reading and writing)
- **SH5** — Physical
- **SH6** — Affective disorders (e.g. anxiety, depression, incident precipitated anxiety, prolonged effects of medication, psychoses)
- **SX** — Medical condition (e.g. asthma, chronic fatigue syndrome, epilepsy, glandular fever)

### Compassionate

- **SC1** — Compassionate (family) (e.g. abuse, accommodation, bereavement, divorce or separation, economic, illness, intimidation, neglect, relocation, suicide, violence)
- **SC2** — Compassionate (personal) (e.g. abuse, accommodation, anxiety, assault, dependence, divorce or separation, economic, intimidation, relocation, stress)

## Confidentiality

The personal information you supply on the following pages and the statements you provide to support your claims are strictly confidential. The information is used solely for the purpose of assisting SATAC to make a fair assessment of your special consideration of educational disadvantage request.

The documents you provide will not be forwarded to any educational or training institution. As any hard copy documents supplied will not be returned to you by SATAC, you may wish to make additional verified copies for your own use before posting documents.

## Questions?

SATAC's Enquiries Team is here to help. Visit [satac.edu.au/enquiries](https://satac.edu.au/enquiries), email [help@satac.edu.au](mailto:help@satac.edu.au) or call the below number/s.

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## Applicant's information

SATAC Application Reference Number (if known)

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Name

Given name(s)

Surname or family name

### 1 Describe the nature of your educational disadvantage.

### 2 When did the disadvantage start and when did it finish?

### 3 What was the effect of the disadvantage on your previous studies?

(E.g. One semester had significantly lower grades, or the overall grade was severely affected.)

**4 Did you make a request for consideration of your disadvantage to the relevant educational institution at the time?**

(E.g. Did you refer your case to your school, Year 12 Board of Studies or your university/TAFE campus?)

Yes – please specify which institution/s below  No – go to question 6

**5 Did the educational institution give you any consideration for your disadvantage?**

(E.g. Extra time for exams or to submit assignments, or conversion of WF to WNF grades.)

Yes – please provide details below  No

**6 Please provide any further relevant information.**

By selecting this box I agree to SATAC using my personal sensitive information for the purposes of processing my application for Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage.

Signature

Date

*SATAC accepts names typed in full as a digital signature.*

**What should I do next?** Attach this completed form and independent supporting documentation (in the form of one or more written statement(s) from a professional supporting your claims, e.g. medical practitioner, counsellor, principal, lawyer etc.) by uploading them to your undergraduate mySATAC application. Alternatively, you can post them to the below address.

**Please note that independent supporting documentation is required before your request for disadvantage can be assessed and ranked. Refer to the Confidentiality information on page 1.**

