EAS information for applicants 2021–22

EAS eligibility letters

An EAS eligibility letter is issued to every EAS applicant. The letter tells you which institutions will consider the educational disadvantages claimed in your EAS application when deciding whether or not to make you an offer.

UAC assesses all EAS applications in the same way, using the same guidelines, regardless of applicants' course preferences. However, each institution has its own policies on how EAS assessments are used when making offers.

This means that you may:

– be eligible for EAS consideration at some institutions but not at others
– receive different EAS adjustments to your selection rank at different institutions
– receive different EAS adjustments to your selection rank for different courses at the same institution.

How to view your letter	Your EAS eligibility letter will be sent to you by email. You can also access it by logging in to your undergraduate application on UAC's website. The letter will list your eligibility for each institution, regardless of your course preferences.
When you will receive your letter	From Sunday 3 April 2021: EAS eligibility letters released progressively to post-school applicants (ie not Year 12 students) with a finalised assessment. From Thursday 20 January 2022: EAS eligibility letters released progressively to all applicants with a finalised assessment for January Round 2 onwards. Apply and provide your supporting documents: – by midnight Friday 17 December 2021 to ensure your application is considered in January Round 2 and you receive your eligibility letter in time to change your preferences for that round – 10 working days prior to any other offer round in which you wish to have your application considered. Check all the key dates on the UAC website at uac.edu.au/key-dates.
What to do when you receive your letter	To make the most of your application for study, you may want to place the institutions where you're eligible for EAS consideration at the top of your preference list. Remember that there are closing dates for changing preferences for each offer round: check the 'Application and offer dates for 2021-22 admissions' at uac.edu.au/ug-offers. While offers for study are made throughout the year, most offers to 2021 Year 12 applicants will be made in January 2022.
Institution policies that may affect your eligibility	UAC applies a standard assessment procedure for all applicants, regardless of their course preferences; however, some institutions have EAS policies that may prevent you from being eligible for EAS consideration at that institution. These policies cover: – previous tertiary study – course exclusions – minimum ATAR requirements – school exclusions – disrupted schooling – English language difficulties – minimum EAS thresholds.

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Previous tertiary study

Seven institutions do not give EAS consideration to EAS applicants who are currently undertaking or who have previously undertaken tertiary study:

1. Australian National University
2. Charles Sturt University
3. University of New England
4. University of Sydney
5. University of Wollongong
6. UNSW Sydney
7. Western Sydney University.

For EAS purposes, tertiary study includes diploma, advanced diploma, associate diploma, degree or higher level studies undertaken either in Australia or overseas.

If you have a record of tertiary study, your EAS eligibility for these institutions will always be 'No.'

Course exclusions

Some institutions will not give EAS consideration for certain courses. Check individual institution websites for details.

Minimum ATAR requirements

Two institutions specify a minimum ATAR that applicants must achieve before they are eligible for EAS consideration:

		Minimum ATAR
1	Australian National University	70.00
2	University of Technology Sydney	69.00 (80.00 for Law)

This means that even if your EAS eligibility for these institutions is 'Yes', you must meet the minimum ATAR requirement to be given EAS consideration.

Applicants from Australian rural or regional schools (S01R)

Four institutions will not give EAS consideration to applicants who have attended a school included in EAS disadvantage code S01R:

1. Australian National University
2. University of Wollongong
3. UNSW Sydney
4. Western Sydney University.

The University of Wollongong uses a separate scheme to apply adjustments for attendance at designated schools.

Applicants with disrupted schooling (D01A, D01B, D01C)

The Australian National University will not give EAS consideration to applicants with disrupted schooling.

Applicants with English language difficulties (L01B & L01C)

The Australian National University will not give EAS consideration to:
– current Australian Year 12 applicants who experience difficulties with the English language and began their education in an Australian school during Years 7 to 10 (L01B)
– post-school applicants who experience difficulties with the English language (L01C).

Minimum EAS thresholds

Four institutions specify a minimum level of disadvantage applicants must have experienced before they are eligible for EAS consideration:

1. University of Sydney
2. University of Technology Sydney
3. UNSW Sydney
4. Western Sydney University.

This means that you can be assessed as eligible for one or more disadvantages, but still not meet the minimum EAS eligibility threshold for an institution. This is why you can be eligible at one institution and not another, even though your assessment is the same for all institutions.

If you don't meet the institution's minimum EAS threshold, your EAS eligibility for the institution will be 'No.'