

OOHC STATUS AND APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

If you are living (or have previously lived) in out-of-home care (OOHC) and are applying for university through UAC, you can have these circumstances considered in support of your application.

HOW IT WORKS

UAC undergraduate applicants whose studies have been negatively affected by being placed in OOHC are eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes (EAS). Through these schemes, applicants may have their course selection rank increased, making them more competitive for an offer of admission to university.

Applicants who have been placed in OOHC at any time in their life can claim this circumstance as a negative impact on their studies.

UAC processes applications for EAS on behalf of our participating institutions. Detailed information about applying for EAS is available at uac.edu.au/eas.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Go to uac.edu.au and submit your undergraduate application for study through UAC. From your undergraduate application, navigate to the EAS application.
2. Complete the EAS application. Claim Disadvantage Code H04B and any other disadvantages that apply to you.
3. Collect all relevant documents listed below under 'Supporting documentation required.'
4. Either upload your documents to your EAS application or post or deliver them to UAC.

OOHC ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility criteria	<p>You are currently placed, or have previously been placed, with an OOHC provider due to government agency intervention. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– authorised and supported kinship care arrangements– short-term, long-term or foster care provided by a government and/or non-government organisation– cases where adoption has taken place after an initial period of OOHC.
Supporting documentation required	<p>At least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– A letter from your government or non-government organisation caseworker. The letter must:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ be written on appropriate letterhead▪ include the name and date of birth of the applicant (young person)▪ include the date of removal▪ be signed and indicate the position of the author.– A current copy of placement papers from a Children's Court.