

UAC - What is it?

UAC stands for Universities Admission Centre and this body handles most of the university admissions across NSW and the ACT

Next Wednesday 1st April all of the Year 12 students should receive an email from UAC (The Universities Admissions Centre) with login information to access and register for UAC. If you do not receive this email then it is important that you come and see me so that you can have access to this. Obviously if you are definitely NOT interested in a university pathway, you do not need to register. **It costs \$70 if you register before the 30th September and \$200 if you register after this date.** However, if you do not receive the email it means that you have NOT registered for Student's Online with NESAs.

It is imperative that this is done so that ALL STUDENTS have access to their NESAs information and records. This is where you can access their HSC timetables etc.

UAC PIN and APPLYING

You will receive your UAC PIN via email when applications open on 1 April. Although UAC are expecting more courses than last year to be available from April for students to list on their application, some institutions such as UTS and WSU will be waiting until August. Students would then make changes to their preference list later in the year once their chosen courses become available.

You must use your Year 12 student number and UAC PIN to apply so that you can be identified as a Year 12 student. If you don't use your student number when applying you will not appear on the school's data spreadsheet available on "School Hub".

COVID-19

There have been many questions about EAS and COVID 19. This situation is affecting all students and UAC's understanding is that NESAs will put procedures in place in order to combat the disruptions to students' study if needed. If the total Year 12 population shows weaker results, then university entry will reflect this, and no student will be disadvantaged.

COVID 19 is not covered specifically under EAS as the disadvantage must be long term. It would be expected that students who become ill through infection, will not last for six months or longer. UAC does understand the disruption that is occurring to everyone and would always advise students to apply for EAS if they meet the criteria for any EAS disadvantage if applicable.

EAS – new disadvantage for natural disasters. Please see the booklet with information about EAS here in the One Note.

A new disadvantage has been added to EAS which can only be added or applied for from August 2020.

N01D: Natural disasters

What you need to do

1. Complete the applicant statement of this form.
2. Arrange for the educational impact statement to be completed.

3. Collect all relevant documents outlined under 'Documentation required'.
 4. Upload this completed form and documents to your EAS application, as soon as possible.
- If you need more room to write your statement, use a separate sheet of paper.
 - Your application can't be assessed until your supporting documents have been uploaded.
 - Any hard copies of documents received by UAC will be scanned then destroyed.

Eligibility criteria

- Your education has been negatively impacted during Year 11 and/or 12 (or equivalent) due to the impact of a natural disaster. Natural disasters in Australia can include but are not limited to heatwaves, bushfires, droughts, floods, severe storms and tropical cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides. (Healthdirect.gov.au)

Educational impact statement: YES - Required N01D

Documentation required

- Educational impact statement
- Applicants must provide evidence of any disaster relief payments or other payments from a State or Federal government body related to the specific natural disaster.
 - These payments can be to the applicant themselves, or
 - The applicants' parent/s (or guardian/s) – in this case the address to which the payment has been made, must match the applicants address.
- Applicants, or applicants' parent's (or guardian/s) who have not received a disaster relief payment, or other payments from a government body related to the specific natural disaster can still apply. The burden of proving the educational impact will be incumbent upon the applicant and will have to reach the same level as applicants who received payments.
- This evidence can be in the form of:
 - Insurance documents
 - SES reports
 - Bank documents and/or
 - Government documentation.

Important information

- The address on any payments made to parent/s (or guardian/s) must match the applicant address within UAC system for a positive assessment.

EAS - Educational Impact Statements

Here is the information required to achieve a positive outcome from an educational impact statement:

- **Dates:** beginning to end of disadvantage that you know about.
- **Time:** length of the impact on the student.

- **Impact:** specific educational impact of this disadvantage.
- **Severity:**
- choose only 1
- Extreme severity is the worst-case scenario and doesn't apply to all students.

Schools Recommendation Schemes

Applications for SRS will open on 1 April and close 20 September 2020.

Equity Scholarships

Out of Home Care (OOHC) has been added as a unique identifier for applicants.

A question will ask if applicants are or have been in Out of Home Care (OOHC), for identification by institutions when making their Equity Scholarship offers.

Publications and PINs

The planned release for our publications is as follows. Delivery to schools will depend upon having access and whether a school shutdown period is in place. We will provide more information as the situation becomes clearer.

UAC PIN

Year 12 PINs sent 1 April via email and reminders emailed on key dates throughout the cycle.

UAC Guide

The UAC Guide has been printed however, with the current climate delivery to schools may be delayed.

There may be some UAC guides available before the end of term, however most will be here early in Term 2. They can also be accessed via the UAC website or in the Careers One Note and Careers section of the school website.

APPLYING THROUGH UAC VS DIRECT APPLICATIONS

You may know that the UAC application allows students to apply for courses across 27 institutions. Some of those institutions also offer direct applications just for their own courses (UNE, Southern Cross, Charles Sturt, Wollongong University). Based on feedback we've received from schools, we know that students are unsure about whether they should apply direct to the institution or through UAC, and to increase their chances many are doing both. It's important for students considering a direct application to remember the following:

- not all institutions accept direct applications from Year 12 students

- having a UAC application also allows you to apply for EAS, SRS and Equity Scholarships

having a UAC application as well as a direct application will give you more chance of securing an offer, so long as you don't enter the same preferences in both applications