

Type of Disadvantage	Acceptable Documentation
Carer Responsibilities	<p>Proof of current Centrelink Carer Allowance or Carer payment</p> <p>An independent statement to support your eligibility for carer responsibilities, completed and signed by a responsible person*</p>
Financial Hardship	<p>Current proof of your Centrelink means-tested allowance (for example, you most recent Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy, Newstart Income Statement).</p> <p>Comprehensive documentation outlining exceptional financial hardship signed by a responsible person.</p> <p>Students with predicted financial disadvantage may provide the above, and include supporting docs such as Family Tax Benefit Part A statements and notice of application lodged with centrelink.</p> <p>Students with financial hardship who have additional difficulty with costs of compulsory placement in their program should provide supporting documents showing dates, location, and length of placement.</p>
Indigenous Australian	<p>Established status as an Australian Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander person as per UON policy. You will need to provide your Confirmation of Aboriginality (Common Seal) and a written reference made by an Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander community member who knows you in the Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander community.</p> <p>Please follow the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Establishing Status tab here or email Wollotuka@newcastle.edu.au.</p>
Long-term medical condition/ disability/ongoing effects of abuse or domestic violence	<p>A Medical Statement completed by a registered health professional who is treating your condition.</p> <p>An Statement completed by a responsible person* who can comment on the educational impact of your condition and/or circumstances.</p> <p>A personal statement.</p>
Refugee Status	<p>A copy of your Australian entry visa showing refugee status.</p> <p>A copy of your Red Cross or UNHCR (United Nationals High Commissioner for Refugees) registration if they arrived on a non-refugee visa</p> <p>A copy of your document for travelling to Australia</p> <p>A copy of your Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)</p>
Regional or remote disadvantage	<p>Documents substantiating your permanent residential address (not postal) in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months in the two years prior to study with UON. Documents must be in your name.</p> <p>Documents may include bank statements, letter of attendance from a school or higher education provider showing home address at the time they attended, Centrelink letters, electoral commission enrolment form, utilities bill, phone bill.</p> <p>Location may be in any category other than RA1 (Major Cities), although preference may be given to applicants from outer regional and remote areas (RA3 and higher).</p>
Sole parent responsibilities	<p>Search your postcode here.</p> <p>Current proof of your Centrelink means-tested income support payment as a single person with at least one dependent child, eg income statement for Parenting Payment.</p> <p>An independent statement regarding your sole parent responsibilities, completed and signed by a responsible person* who knows your circumstances. You will need to explain why you are not in receipt of a Parenting payment.</p>
English Language Difficulty	<p>Details of the studies you have undertaken, a copy of your first immigration visa, and/or a statement of attendance from an Intensive English Centre (if applicable).</p>

*A Responsible person cannot be a relative and must be either a doctor, specialist medical professional, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader, high school or college principal, higher education or VET educator, year advisor or career advisor.