

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, your 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 the University of Newcastle 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 within the University policy 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>A 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 Nations 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 the University of Newcastle. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search your postcode.
Sole parent responsibilities	<p>Current proof of your Centrelink means-tested income support payment as a single person with at least one dependent child, e.g. 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 must 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.