

2012 Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) Information sheet

**To be completed by applicants applying for degree,
associate degree and TAFE (cert IV and above) programs only**

SECTION 1: About Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS)

If your background and circumstances have affected your access or participation in education, then this scheme may allow you to receive additional consideration for RMIT programs. The University's Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) considers additional information under the categories listed in Section 2 of this information sheet. Applicants must demonstrate their eligibility for each category for which they are applying.

The ACCESS application form is in addition to your direct program application. Applicants seeking equity consideration for programs offered through VTAC in Semester 1 should apply through VTAC's Special Entry and Access Scheme (SEAS) and lodge a VTAC application. Please see the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

More information about available RMIT programs and application methods can be obtained at www.rmit.edu.au/programs. Program advice is also available from RMIT's Info Corner.

SECTION 2: Eligibility criteria

Applicants for the Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) must satisfy the mandatory criteria and one or more of the eligibility criteria:

Mandatory criteria:

Applicants must:

1. be applying to study for a degree, associate degree or TAFE program (Cert IV and above only) at RMIT University
2. be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa (PHV) or be a permanent resident of Australia.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible to apply for ACCESS, you must also be able to demonstrate one or more of the following:

1. personal information and location (i.e. rural or isolated area)
2. non-English speaking background
3. difficult circumstances
4. disadvantaged financial background
5. disability or medical condition.

Required Documentary Evidence

Applicants must provide evidence relevant to the eligibility category(s) under which they are applying.

Applications received without the required certified documentary evidence will not be considered.

Category	Eligibility criteria	Supporting
<p>1. Personal information and location*</p>	<p>Age — for Higher Education programs applicants must be 21 years of age or older by 1 January 2012</p> <p>— for TAFE programs applicants must be 18 years of age or older by 1 January 2012 and have been out of full time education for a least one year</p> <p>Indigenous Australia — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants</p> <p>Living or school post code (for applicants from rural or isolated areas). Rural or isolated areas are identified by RMIT at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/equity.</p> <p>Gender (male or female applicants applying for under-represented disciplines). To apply for this category you must be a female applicant or a male applicant for programs identified by RMIT at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/equity.</p>	<p>No evidence is required.</p> <p>Applicants under this category will be contacted by the RMIT Ngarara Willim Centre</p> <p>Home postal code</p> <p>No evidence is required.</p>
<p>2. Non-English speaking background.</p>	<p>Applicants who have arrived in Australia within the last 10 years from a non-English speaking country.</p>	<p>Applicants born overseas must attach certified copies of their entry visa, passport photograph page and initial entry stamp for arrival in Australia.</p>
<p>3. Difficult circumstances</p>	<p>Must demonstrate serious personal or family difficulties</p> <p>Short term — 2010/2011</p> <p>Long term — prior to 2009</p>	<p>Submit an impact statement describing your circumstances and how these circumstances have adversely affected your education. Applicants will need to indicate whether the circumstances are long or short term.</p> <p>Provide a statement of support from a responsible person** who has knowledge of your circumstances and can comment on the impact to your education.</p>
<p>4. Disadvantaged financial background</p>	<p>Must demonstrate serious financial hardship</p> <p>Short term — 2010/2011</p> <p>Long term — prior to 2009</p>	<p>Submit a certified copy of your statement of benefit from Centrelink which must not be more than three months old.</p> <p>If you are not currently in receipt of Centrelink benefits you must provide a statement of support from a responsible person** who has knowledge of your financial situation and can confirm your circumstances and comment on the impact.</p> <p>Also submit an impact statement describing how your financial background has adversely affected your education. Applicants will need to indicate whether the circumstances are long or short term.</p>
<p>5. Disability or medical condition</p>	<p>Applicants with a disability or a medical condition</p> <p>Short term — 2010/2011</p> <p>Long term — prior to 2009</p>	<p>Submit an impact statement describing your disability/medical condition and how this condition has affected your education</p> <p>Applicants will need to indicate whether the circumstances are long or short term.</p> <p>Also submit a statement of support from the relevant health care professional involved in the care and/or maintenance of the condition, illness, or disability. The health care professional should include details about absences from learning, if applicable, and how the condition adversely affected academic performance.</p>

* Age, recognition as an indigenous Australian, living or school post code (for applicants from rural or isolated areas), gender (male or female applicants applying for under-represented disciplines).

** Responsible person: Doctor or health care professional, lawyer, certified accountant, social worker, registered counsellor, religious or community leader, school principal or senior member of school staff, other responsible person who has detailed knowledge of your circumstances and their educational impact.

SECTION 3: How to apply

Check the program availability, program code, campus, delivery mode (on campus, distance education or external), fee type and application closing date/s for your preferred program. Once you have done so, submit a direct application for each program you would like to apply for. Complete the *Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) application* form, attach required documentary evidence and lodge the application as indicated below.

To be considered for ACCESS you must submit a direct application. The ACCESS application form is in addition to your direct program application. Applicants seeking equity consideration for programs offered through VTAC in Semester 1 should apply through VTAC's Special Entry and Access Scheme (SEAS) and lodge a VTAC application. Please see the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

Supporting documentation

Applications submitted without the required certified documentary evidence will not be considered. For more information on certified documents, please visit www.rmit.edu.au/students/certifiedcopy. Please note that this application and any supporting documentation will become the property of RMIT University and will not be returned.

2012 Closing dates

Semester 1: 11 October 2011

Semester 2: 31 May 2012

The selection process

Admissions will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of your application for the Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) and will subsequently advise you in writing about the outcome of your application.

Additional assistance

Ngarara Willim Centre

Building 12, Level 4, Room 29
City campus

Telephone: +61 3 9925 4885 or Freecall 1800 054 885

Email: ngarara@rmit.edu.au

Disability Liaison Unit

Building 10, Level 4
City campus

Telephone: +61 3 9925 1089

TTY: +61 3 9925 3673

Email: dlu@rmit.edu.au

How to lodge your application

Submit the completed application form at one of the following addresses:

Post to:

Admissions

Locked Bag 10,
A'Beckett Street Post Office
MELBOURNE VIC 8006

In person:

Applicant drop box

Info Corner
Building 22, City campus
330 Swanston Street (corner La Trobe Street), Melbourne
Telephone: +61 3 9925 2260
Email: study@rmit.edu.au (enquiries only)
www.rmit.edu.au



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Post to: Admissions, Locked Bag 10, A'Beckett Street Post Office
MELBOURNE VIC 8006
Telephone: +61 3 9925 2260
Email: study@rmit.edu.au (enquiries only)
www.rmit.edu.au

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SECTION A: Personal information

I have applied for admission into an RMIT program via direct application in 2012.

You must submit a direct application to be considered for this ACCESS equity scheme.

Title _____ Date of birth (dd/mm/yy) _____ Your age as at 1 January 2012 _____ Gender Male Female

Family name/surname _____

Given name/s _____

Preferred name/s (if different from above) _____

Previous name/s (if any) _____

Your citizenship (please select one of the following)

- Australian citizen
- Permanent Resident of Australia
- Holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa
- New Zealand citizen

SECTION B: Address and contact information

Postal address

Address _____

City/Suburb _____ State _____ Post code _____

Country _____

Contact information (at least one contact telephone number is required to process your application)

Email _____

Mobile telephone _____ Private telephone _____

SECTION C: Program information

Please provide details of the program/s for which you have applied to RMIT University.

Student no (if known) _____

Application no (if known) _____

RMIT program code	RMIT program plan	RMIT program name	Delivery mode (internal/external)	Fee type (Full-fee/CSP/TAFE full-fee, TAFE government subsidised)

SECTION D: ACCESS category

Please ensure you submit all documentary evidence as outlined in Section 2 of the information sheet. Applications submitted without the required documentary evidence will not be considered.

Please place a tick in the box next to the category/s under which you are applying (note: you can apply for multiple categories).

If you need more space for any additional details, please attach an A4 sheet ensuring your full name, student number (if known) and eligibility category number/s are listed clearly on each sheet.

Category 1: Personal information and location

Please tick the box next to the category under which you are applying.

Age: for Higher Education programs applicants must be 21 years of age or older by 1 January 2012, for TAFE programs applicants must be 18 years of age or older by 1 January 2012 and have been out of full-time education for at least one year.

Indigenous Australian – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

Living or school post code (for applicants from rural or isolated areas)

What is the post code of your home location? _____

Gender (male or female applicants applying for under-represented disciplines).

Category 2: Non-English speaking background

1. Were you born outside Australia in a non-English speaking country? Yes No

2. If yes, what was your year of arrival in Australia?

Please provide the required supporting evidence to prove your date of arrival in Australia.

3. Do you speak a language other than English at home? Yes No

4. If yes, what language is spoken? _____

5. Describe how your language background has affected your access to education.

Category 3: Difficult circumstances

1. Please tick here to indicate whether your circumstances are long-term or short-term.

Short term – 2010–11 Long term – prior to 2009

2. Please provide details of your life and family circumstances and how these have adversely affected your education.

3. Please attach a statement of support from a responsible person who has the knowledge to confirm your circumstances and comment on the impact.

Category 4: Disadvantaged financial background

1. Please tick here to indicate whether your circumstances are long-term or short-term.

Short term – 2010–11 Long term – prior to 2009

2. Are you in receipt of a Centrelink benefit?

Yes – if yes, please attach a certified copy of your statement of benefit from Centrelink. This statement must not be more than three months old.

No

3. If you are not in receipt of a Centrelink benefit, please attach a statement of support from a responsible person who has the knowledge of your financial situation to confirm your circumstances and comment on the impact.

4. If you are not in receipt of a Centrelink benefit, please provide details describing your disadvantaged financial background and how this has adversely affected your education.

Category 5: Disability or medical condition

1. Please tick here to indicate whether your circumstances are long-term or short-term.

Short term – 2010–11 Long term – prior to 2009

2. Please provide details of how you have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of a disability or medical condition.

3. Please attach a statement of support from a responsible person who has knowledge of your disability or medical condition and how it has affected your education.

SECTION E: Applicant statement

Please provide any other information and attach any additional relevant supporting documentation to further support your Alternative Category Entry Selection Scheme (ACCESS) application. If you need more space, please attach an A4 sheet ensuring your full name and RMIT student number (if known) are listed clearly on each sheet.
