

Supporting Documentation – Financial and Educational Disadvantage Guide

My circumstance/s	Evidence that you are required to provide
I am an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You need to provide identification that shows you are an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the name of your community to RMIT's Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. <p>Note: we require you to be identified on our student information database as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.</p>
I am studying with a disability, long-term illness or mental health condition.	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a detailed letter from your health care provider[#] or - evidence of Centrelink disability or sickness benefit payments[#] or - your 2018 Equitable Learning Plan <p>Note: a detailed letter from your health care provider[#] is preferred</p>
I am a current/former refugee.	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your Permanent Humanitarian Visa or - Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) check or - refugee documentation from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.
I am moving from a rural/regional/interstate location to study at RMIT in Melbourne.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proof of your current rural/regional/interstate address, e.g. a copy of a bank statement[#].
I have already moved from a rural/regional/interstate location in order to study at RMIT in Melbourne.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proof that shows your previous and current addresses and when you moved, e.g. dated bank statements that show old and new addresses; rental agreement demonstrating when you moved in.
I have other difficulties and/or special circumstances which impact my education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of documentation to support statements in your application. <p>Documentation dated within three months is preferred.</p>
I am a part-time student.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence to support reasons why you are unable to study full-time, e.g. a copy of a detailed letter from your health care provider, evidence of Centrelink Carer or dependent payments[#].

[#] The evidence you provide must not be more than three months old.

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<p>I am financially disadvantaged</p> <p>a) I receive Australian Government benefits income support, from Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs, or have a concession/health care card. I have been low income tested.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>b) I don't receive Australian Government benefits for income support nor do I have a low income concession / health care card</p> <p>In addition to providing evidence of your income, if either of the below is relevant to you, you need to provide appropriate supporting documentation</p> <p>I live with my parent(s) or with a partner and do not receive Australian Government benefits for income support</p> <p>Or</p> <p>I am financially supported by someone, but do not live with them (such as by my parent(s) or partner) (and I do not receive Australian Government benefits for income support)</p>	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your current Centrelink Health Care Card# or - your Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card# or - your Department of Veteran Affairs Health Card# or - an income statement# from Centrelink that shows you are in receipt of low- income support payments for Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance or a pension. <p>Note: If you are submitting an income statement, it should show the type and amount of Centrelink payments you receive (excluding any low non-income tested support such as Family Tax Benefit Part A or B, Childcare Benefits, Carer Allowance and/or Parenting Payment)#. Please ensure your full name is stated on all supporting documentation including any screenshots.</p> <p>Minimum requirements</p> <p>A copy of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. your proof of income for the financial year 2016–2017, i.e. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June. Your total income must be below the Centrelink low-income test in the financial year 2016–17, and B. your last three pay slips, if applicable#, and C. a brief description of your living arrangements in 2018 including number of family members and what capacity if any you contribute to the family income. <p>A copy of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. your parents' or partner's income for the financial year 2016–2017, e.g. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June and B. their last three consecutive pay slips#. <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. your parents' or partner's income for the financial year 2016–17, e.g. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June and B. your parents' or partner's last three consecutive pay slips# and C. a statement specifying their yearly or weekly contributions to you or on your behalf (e.g. rent, bills, and any bills paid to a third party)#, and D. a brief description of what their 2018 living arrangements will be including details of any other dependent children, their ages and whether there are any other tertiary students living at home.
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