

Planning for TAFE or Uni



TERTIARY STUDY CHECKLIST

My goals and options

1. What are my interests and abilities?

2. What sort of work do I want to do?

3. What qualifications do I need?

4. What courses would qualify me for the work I want to do?

Course:	Institution:	Code:

5. What background do I need to study these courses?

Prerequisites: _____

I need some knowledge or experience in: _____

Pathways into TAFE or Uni



6. Will I have a Year 12 (Tertiary Education Rank (TER))?

- YES
- NO

If YES:

- Do I need to apply through VTAC?
OR
- Do I need to apply directly to the TAFE or university?

If NO:

- Do I qualify to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)?
 - YES
 - NO

If YES, apply to VTAC to sit the STAT (www.vtac.edu.au).

If NO, other pathways to consider may be...

- Going back to school
 - VET
 - VCAL
 - School-based apprenticeshipContact DCO for further information: Natalia T:99253531
- Accessing a Bridging Program
 - TAFEs offer preparation programs
 - Adult & Community Centre
 - Disability Employment AgencyContact DCO for further information: Natalia T:99253531
- Subjects through Open Learning Australia (www.ola.edu.au)
- University transition program

7. Can I apply under the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), for:

- Special Year Twelve Consideration? (Must be a current year 12 student, have applied through VTAC, and be disadvantaged by circumstances in the past 12 months only.)
- SEAS Access and Equity? (If your education has been adversely affected by circumstance beyond your control, eg. a disability or long-term medical condition; difficult family circumstances; etc.)

You can apply for SEAS if you are eligible to apply through VTAC and have successfully submitted an online VTAC application.

Go to www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/dco for checklists or call T:99253531

What support do I need?



8. At TAFE or university, will I need support with:

- Accessing campus? (eg. accessible parking, facilities, maps)
- Accessing print materials? (eg. large print, alternative format)
- Communicating? (eg. interpreters)
- Field trips? (eg. attendants)
- Laboratory work?
- Work placements?
- Using the library?
- Sitting exams? (eg. variations to exam procedures)
- Taking notes? (eg. scribes, note-takers)
- Managing the study workload?
- Writing essays? (eg. computer equipment, software)
- Anything else?

9. Who can I contact to get advice and support?

Go to www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/dco - click on support in TAFE and Uni

Institution:	Disability Liaison Officer:	Phone:

10. What other support services are available?

11. What financial assistance might be available?

12. Are there any scholarships or grants available?

Disclosure... It's a personal decision

13. Do I need to disclose my disability?

14. How and when should I disclose my disability?

15. Who should I disclose my disability to?

...for help with these questions, visit the website 'Choosing Your Path Disclosure: It's a Personal Decision' at www.uws.edu.au/rdlo/disclosure

Sources of information

Courses:

- VTAC guide (available from newsagents) or phone 1300 364 133
- VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au (Course Search/Course Link)
- University handbooks, go to: www.highered.vic.gov.au/universities
- TAFE Courses Directory online: www.tafe.vic.gov.au

Disability advice & support:

- Centrelink Disability Officer: 13 10 21 or www.centrelink.gov.au
- Disability Liaison Officers (at TAFEs and universities)
Go to www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/dco - click on support in TAFE and Uni
- Disability Coordination Officers, Central South West and Bayside Melbourne www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/dco T: 9925 3531

Career advice:

- Centrelink Career Information Centre: 9403 8855 or email cic.mel@centrelink.com.au
- School careers advisors/ counsellors/ teachers.
- Careers advisors at TAFEs and universities.
www.rmit.edu.au/ssg/dco - click on careers and employment websites
- Explore your career direction using www.myfuture.edu.au

