

Appendix 2 – Adjustment Factors

Adjustments are used to increase your selection rank due to factors such as your performance in HSC subjects, the location of your school, or your eligibility for the Educational Access Scheme. A maximum total of 12 points can be applied to eligible applicants.

For more information about Adjustment Factors, visit newcastle.edu.au/degrees/selection-ranks-and-entry-schemes#adjustment-points.

Table 1: Educational Access Scheme

Purpose	The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) aims to help applicants who have experienced significant educational disadvantages receive a university offer.
Adjustment Points	A maximum of four equity adjustment points may be added to the selection rank for applicants eligible under the EAS.
Eligibility	The EAS is open to domestic current school leavers, recent school leavers, and non-recent school leavers. International applicants cannot apply for EAS. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that, because of circumstances beyond their control or choosing, their studies were negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12, or the period in which they gained the qualifications they are using to seek admission to an undergraduate course.
Requirements	Applicants who wish to apply for the EAS must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and adhere to UAC's application requirements and deadlines.

Table 2: Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme

Purpose	The Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme recognises academic and elite extra-curricular activities.
Adjustment Points	A maximum of four adjustment points may be added to the selection rank for applicants eligible under the Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme.
Eligibility	The Leaders and Performers scheme is open to domestic current school leavers and recent school leavers. Elite Athlete status must be verified by NUsport. Leaders and performers will be assessed by Admissions and Scholarships in Student Central.
Requirements	Before applying for the Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme, applicants must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Applications to the Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme are made directly to the University. For more information, visit here .
Excluded Programs	The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program or the Bachelor of Midwifery do not attract adjustment points from the Leaders, Athletes and Performers Adjustment Scheme.

Table 3: Regional and Rural Adjustment Scheme

Purpose	The Regional and Rural Adjustment Scheme supports the University's commitment to enhancing access to higher education.
Adjustment Points	An additional five adjustment points are added to the selection rank for applicants eligible under the Regional and Rural Adjustment Scheme.
Eligibility	The Regional and Remote Adjustment Scheme is available to domestic current school leavers and recent school leavers. Applicants seeking admission to a program at the University and who attended a high school within a defined postcode boundary. Postcodes are available on the

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	Regional and Rural Adjustment Scheme site.
Requirements	Adjustment points are automatically added to the selection rank of eligible applicants after applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) .
Excluded Programs	The Regional and Rural Adjustment Scheme applies to all undergraduate degrees except the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program and the Bachelor of Midwifery.

Table 4: Year 12 Adjustment Scheme

Purpose	The Year 12 Adjustment Scheme rewards high-achieving Year 12 students.
Adjustment Points	A maximum of four adjustment points may be added to the selection rank for applicants eligible under the Year 12 Adjustment Scheme, no matter the combination of subjects.
Eligibility	<p>The Year 12 Adjustment Scheme is available to domestic recent school leavers.</p> <p>Applicants who completed specified NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) subjects and band levels will attract adjustment points as per the Year 12 Adjustment Scheme Schedule.</p> <p>Subjects completed in other Australian states and territories, or those that sat the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, may be eligible for adjustment points if the subjects have been mapped by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) as being comparable to NSW HSC subjects.</p>
Requirements	<p>Adjustment points are automatically added to the selection rank of eligible applicants after applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).</p> <p>HSC subjects that attract adjustment points and the specific adjustment points for each program are available in the Year 12 Adjustment Scheme Schedule.</p> <p>The Year 12 Adjustment Scheme Schedule will be amended to incorporate newly approved or disestablished programs as appropriate.</p>

Table 5: Special Circumstances Adjustment Scheme

Purpose	<p>The Special Circumstances Adjustment Scheme enables tertiary education access to applicants who are disadvantaged by specific circumstances, including but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> late qualification assessment at UAC. family/home/work circumstances. natural disaster. applicants with a disability; or any combination of the above.
Adjustment Points	A maximum of four adjustment points may be added to the selection rank for applicants eligible under the Special Circumstances Adjustment Scheme.
Eligibility	<p>The Special Circumstances Adjustment Scheme is open to domestic current school leavers, recent school leavers, and non-recent school leavers.</p> <p>Applicants may apply directly to the University if disadvantaged by specific circumstances not already included in other Adjustment Factors or Admissions Schemes offered by the University.</p> <p>Eligibility for admission under the scheme will be determined by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Vice President.</p>
Requirements	<p>Applicants must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).</p> <p>Each application for admission under the Special Circumstances Admission Scheme, together with the supporting documentation, will be assessed on its own merits, provided there are vacancies in the relevant program/s for which the applicant is seeking admission.</p>

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	<p>The University will consult applicants with a disability and make reasonable adjustments in the admission process. Reasonable adjustments must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. maintain the inherent requirements of a program and/or course; andb. not cause health and safety risks to other students; andc. not negatively impact the learning experiences of other students; andd. not give any kind of advantage. <p>Applicants must provide their UAC Reference Number and the details of their circumstances along with supporting documentation in an email to admissions@newcastle.edu.au.</p>
Excluded Programs	<p>The Special Circumstances Adjustment Scheme applies to all undergraduate degrees except the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program.</p>