

Focus on Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS):

What is SEAS?

The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is a scheme aimed at helping students if they have experienced various types of disadvantage that has affected their education. If you are eligible for SEAS you still have to meet the institutional and course entry requirements, but it enables course selection officers to consider circumstances that may have affected your results or educational progress.

You can get an overview of what SEAS is about at <http://www.vtac.edu.au/seas.html>

SEAS Categories:

There are four categories within SEAS that cover personal information and location, difficult circumstances, disadvantaged financial background and disability or medical condition.

The links below give you details on:

- What the category is about
- Who is eligible
- The evidence you might be required to provide in your application
- The institutions that recognise this category

Category 1: [Personal information and location](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category1.html) (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category1.html>)

Category 2: [Disadvantaged financial background](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category2.html) (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category2.html>)

Category 3: [Disability or medical condition](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category3.html) (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category3.html>)

Category 4: [Difficult circumstances](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category4.html) (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories/category4.html>)

Category 1 has a range of sub categories including Age, living or school location, under-representation of a particular gender in a course or field of study, recognition as an Indigenous Australian, recognition for being from a non-English speaking background and first in family to attend tertiary study.

Which Institutions Recognise SEAS?

Different institutions recognise different categories of SEAS. The page link below will give you a table overview of each institution and what they recognise (scroll down that page to see the table):

<http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/categories.html>

In addition, many institutions have their own special consideration and bonus schemes to assist students as well. The table at <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/other.html> gives you a summary of these.



How Do You Apply For SEAS?

You apply for SEAS from within your VTAC account (so you will need to have created this already).

See the page at <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/applying.html> for a step by step explanation.

What Evidence Will I Have to Provide?

The evidence you will need to provide to support your SEAS application will depend on the category(s) you are applying for.

There are 3 types of evidence you might be asked to submit:

- Impact Statement
- Statement of Support
- Financial Evidence

The page at <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/evidence.html> gives you an overview of:

What is involved in each of these types of evidence

What types of evidence are NOT acceptable

How much evidence you need to provide



All details have been sourced from the VTAC website. For the latest and most up to date information, please visit <http://www.vtac.edu.au/seas.html>