Applying for SEAS

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is the umbrella program run by a number of institutions through VTAC. It is for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage. SEAS does not change your educational results or qualifications. It enables course selection officers to recognise that your results or educational progress may have been affected by your circumstances and to consider the effect of those disadvantages.

To apply for SEAS you must:
- Register and submit a VTAC course application
- have Australian or New Zealand citizenship or hold a permanent Australian residency visa
- (Note: international students are not eligible for SEAS)

**Category 1: Personal information and location**

Every student should apply for category 1 and let the system decide whether or not they are eligible.

Has your education been adversely affected by your personal circumstances?

- YES …… Apply for Category 1; go to category 2
- NO ……… Apply for Category 1; SEAS application completed

**Category 2: Difficult circumstances**

Have you experienced family or other life circumstances that have prevented you from reaching your full potential?
Examples of difficult circumstances may include but are not limited to refugee status, bullying, severe family disruption, long term illness of family member, abusive living environment, constant relocation, divorce, separation, excessive family responsibilities, homelessness, death of a family member or friend, natural disasters.

- YES …… Eligible for Category 2, provide impact statement and statement of support; go to Category 3
- NO ……… go to Category 3

**Category 3: Disadvantaged financial background**

Has your financial background prevented you from reaching your full educational potential?
For example Individual or family poverty, excessive financial obligations, economic hardship.

- YES ……… provide your own Centrelink Reference Number / evidence of parent/guardian receipt of Family Tax Benefit A OR submit an impact statement and obtain and submit a statement of support if not in current receipt of Centrelink benefits; go to Category 4
- NO ……… go to Category 4

**Category 4: Disability or medical condition**

Have you experienced educational disadvantage as a result of a disability or medical condition?
(You must be able to demonstrate impact on educational outcome)

- YES …… Eligible for Category 4, provide impact statement and statement of support; go to Category 6 if applicable
- NO ……… go to Category 6 if applicable

**Category 6: SALT, PPP and REEP schemes**

This category is for current Year 12 students who attend schools that are explicitly nominated under various university schemes. (Note: Eligibility based on information provided in VTAC application. If not eligible, Category 6 will not be activated)