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Tertiary disability advisers

Students with disability, including mental health issues, medical conditions and learning disabilities are advised to contact disability advisers at the institute of your choice to discuss your condition and any special needs. Even if you are unsure, it is a good idea to make contact and learn how the system works in case you do need help or adjustments.

[Disability officers](#) are available at each of the Universities in NSW for you to discuss your education needs.

For tips, hints and links to help high school students with disability thinking about going to university see the [Get ready for uni guide](#).

- Phone (02) 9678 7371
- Email ndco@westernsydney.edu.au

University Admissions Centre (UAC) staff can also provide help with the [application process](#).

- Phone 1300 275 822

- From mobile or overseas (02) 9752 0200

TAFE NSW also has information on how to access support for [students with disability](#).

Australian Disabilities Clearinghouse on Education and Training

The [student resources section](#) of the Australian Disabilities Clearinghouse on Education and Training (ADCET) website has a range of resources to assist university students to become independent learners and job seekers. Areas covered include:

- planning for post-secondary education
- understanding university entry pathways
- knowing your rights
- linking with appropriate supports
- managing your studies
- planning for graduate employment.

Disability Employment Services

[JobAccess](#) is a free Australian Government information and advice service for people with disability to access information on topics such as financial assistance, help with finding and changing jobs, creating flexible work environments, career advice and training courses.

Phone a JobAccess adviser on 1800 464 800 or visit the [JobAccess](#) website.

The Australian Government delivers employment assistance for job seekers with disability, injury or health condition through [Disability Employment Services](#). These services are able to help prepare for, find and keep a job. They are divided into two parts:

- Disability Management Service – for job seekers with disability, injury or health condition who need assistance to find a job and occasional support to keep a job.
- Employment Support Service – helps people with permanent disability and who need regular, ongoing support to keep a job.

National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program

The Australian Government's [National Disability Coordination Officer Program](#) works strategically to assist people with disability access and participate in tertiary education and subsequent employment, through a national network of regionally based NDCOs. The NDCOs work with stakeholders at the local level to reduce systemic barriers, facilitate

smooth transitions, build links and coordinate services between the education, training and employment sectors.

Disability Services Australia

[Disability Services Australia](#) (DSA) is a dynamic for purpose social enterprise supporting 3,000 people with a disability, and employing more than 1,600 people in key regions of New South Wales, including Metropolitan Sydney, north to the Hunter and Tamworth, across to the Central West, and down to the Southern Highlands and Southern Ranges.

DSA support people to develop the skills and capabilities they need to gain independence and participate in society. DSA enables opportunities for choice, inclusion and achievement at home, in the community, through education and training, and in employment.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme

The [National Disability Insurance Scheme](#) (NDIS) supports people with a permanent and significant disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities. If you are not already a participant of the NDIS and you have a disability, you may wish to find out if you are eligible. Check your eligibility with the NDIS [online access checklist](#) or contact the National Disability Insurance Agency on 1800 800 110.

Registering with an Employment Services Provider

Centrelink can refer you to an Employment Services Provider in your area. They can help you access:

- job search help and training
- job availability in your area
- resources such as computers, telephones and stationery.

For advice phone the Disability, Sickness and Carers line on 132 717 or visit the Services Australia website – [Disability Employment Services](#).

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