

# IN BRIEF...

**Your Ready Reference  
for  
studying at  
TAFE,  
University  
or with a  
Private Training  
Organisation  
in SA**

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# The Education Standards in Brief

## You can get assistance with:

Enrolment

Participation in your course

Curriculum development, accreditation and delivery

Student support services

Elimination of harassment and victimisation

## The law won't support:

Lowering standards

Ignoring the inherent competency requirements

Ignoring workplace health and safety

## One more thing:

An education institution can not use the cost of flexible teaching, learning and assessment as a reason to discriminate against a student

## Contact your NDCO

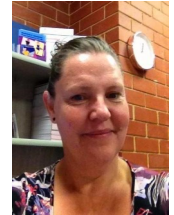
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## Disability on Campus

Each of the universities and TAFE SA have different contacts and procedures for arranging disability support.

These websites will tell you how to get in touch with the people *you* need.

### University of Adelaide

[www.adelaide.edu.au/disability](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/disability)

### Flinders University

[www.flinders.edu.au/current-students/healthandcounselling/disabilities.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/current-students/healthandcounselling/disabilities.cfm)

### University of South Australia

[www.unisa.edu.au/ltu/contact/teams/disability.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/ltu/contact/teams/disability.asp)

### TAFE SA

[www.tafesa.edu.au/Students/DisabilitySupport/tabid/658/Default.aspx](http://www.tafesa.edu.au/Students/DisabilitySupport/tabid/658/Default.aspx)

## “But I don’t have a disability!”

Many students don’t think they have a disability.  
But let’s look at the Disability Discrimination Act (the ‘DDA’)

Section 4 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA), defines disability as:

- Total or partial loss of the person’s bodily or mental functions; or
- Total or partial loss of a part of the body; or
- The presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness; or
- The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness; or
- The malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of part of a person’s body; or
- A disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction; or
- A disorder, illness or disease that affects a person’s thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour.

It includes a disability that:

1. Presently exists; or
2. Previously existed but no longer exists; or
3. May exist in the future; or
4. Is imputed to a person.

You might not be able to see a disability, but it may still impair how a person contributes and participates unless adequate provision or help is given.

For universities and TAFEs, disability is anything about you that might mean that you need some extra help in participating in the course or completing the requirements. Some conditions that have resulted in access plans being developed for a student – and may surprise you - include:

Colour blindness  
Anxiety  
Cancer treatment  
Dyslexia  
Incontinence  
Obsessive compulsive disorder  
Concentration, reading and writing difficulties

Mild Autisms  
Attention Deficit  
Flat feet  
Broken bones  
Depression

***Still think disability isn’t about you? Still think disability has to be forever?***

# The legal framework supporting students with disabilities

## The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Commonwealth)

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/comlaw/management.nsf/lookupindexpagesbyid/IP200401406?OpenDocument>

## Disability Action Plans

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability\\_rights/action\\_plans/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/action_plans/index.html)

## Australian Human Rights Commission

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability\\_rights/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/index.html)

## Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (South Australia)

<http://www.eoc.sa.gov.au/>

## Education Standards

<http://www.ddaedustandards.info/>

<http://deewr.gov.au/disability-standards-education>

**Codes of conduct for TAFE and universities**

**Equity and diversity policies and procedures**

**Be confident!**

**All of these instruments give us the authority to ask for *your* rights!**

## Money Matters

**Flinders University** has over 224 scholarships that you may be eligible for. Look here:

<http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/main-display-undergraduate.cfm>

Some other places you may want to look:

*Scholarships:* [http://www.adcet.edu.au/Student\\_Resources/Financial\\_Matters/Scholarships\\_and\\_Awards.chpx](http://www.adcet.edu.au/Student_Resources/Financial_Matters/Scholarships_and_Awards.chpx)

*Benefits and Payments:*

[http://www.adcet.edu.au/Student\\_Resources/Financial\\_Matters/Benefits\\_and\\_Payments.chpx](http://www.adcet.edu.au/Student_Resources/Financial_Matters/Benefits_and_Payments.chpx)

If you want to study at university or other higher education providers, you should find out as much as you can about Commonwealth Supported Places, HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP fee support. Information is available here:

<http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/help-payingmyfees>

Some church organisations, service organisations, chambers of commerce and ethnic friendship societies have been known to assist students in financial difficulty. If you find yourself in a difficult situation financially and have contacts with such an organisation, you may wish to approach them for assistance.

## Money Matters

If you're concerned about the costs of your study, you may want to check out the following for information about scholarships, grants and other financial support

**TAFE SA's** Money Matters brochure has information about:

Fee Concessions	Fee Assistance
Paying Fees by Instalments	Scholarships

Financial Assistance  
Centrelink Assistance

Contact Student Services on any campus for a copy or go to  
<http://www.tafesa.edu.au>

The **University of South Australia's** website has information about the University's Equity Scholarships as well as other scholarships available to students at university. Equity Scholarships may be available to students with the following backgrounds:

Continuing Students	Rural Students
New Students	Indigenous Students

Economically Disadvantaged Students  
Check it out!

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/>

The **University of Adelaide** has a comprehensive website with information about scholarships available to students. Eligible students include:

Commencing Students	Continuing Students
Students in Financial Need	Students with Disabilities

Students from Rural and Remote Areas  
Students from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Backgrounds

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/>

## Handy Websites

**South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre**  
[www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

**Skills For All**  
<http://www.skills.sa.gov.au/>

**University of South Australia**  
<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/learningconnection/about/teamsdisability.asp>

**University of Adelaide**  
<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/disability/>

**Flinders University**  
<http://www.flinders.edu.au/current-students/healthandcounsellingdisabilities.cfm>

**TAFE SA**  
<http://www.tafe.sa.edu.au/Students/DisabilitySupport/tabid/658Default.aspx>

**National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO)**  
<http://www.innovation.gov.au/SkillsSkillsTrainingAndWorkforceDevelopmentNationalDisabilityCoordinationOfficerProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

**NDCO South Australia**  
[www.adcet.edu.au/ndco/sa](http://www.adcet.edu.au/ndco/sa)

**ADCET (everything you want to know about being a student with a disability)**  
[www.adcet.edu.au](http://www.adcet.edu.au)

**Australian Human Commission (Disability Rights)**  
[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability\\_rights/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/index.html)

**Australia's Career Information and Exploration Service**  
[www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

**Career Moves: Transition for Young People with a Disability (NSW)**  
[www.careermoves.net.au](http://www.careermoves.net.au)

**Get Ready for Uni (NSW)**  
<http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/rdlo/getready>

## Practical help that you could ask for as part of your access plan

Readers such as screen readers to read aloud the text

from an electronic file

Voice recognition software

Auslan interpreters

Text in alternative formats

Adaptation of equipment

Alternative assessment methods

Extra time for essays/exams/work

Physical access modifications

Hearing loops or assistive hearing devices

Special equipment

Note takers

Electronic versions of lectures

## Help us to help you!

Before you start your course, talk about your disability with a Disability Adviser or Student Services Officer

How will your disability impact on your study?

Will you need note takers, interpreters, extensions of time, learning support?

Does your medication affect your study? How?

Do you have trouble getting started in the morning? Can't concentrate for long? Need to be taken at a particular time, so you need to take breaks at particular times?

Is your disability permanent or episodic?

Will we need to work around episodes?

Is your disability noticeable or not noticeable?

If we can't see your disability, your lecturer may not know you have it, so may not make the correct allowances unless we discuss it with them.

What services and accommodations you have now to support your study and what you might want.

Whether your disability/condition will prevent you from successfully completing some core components of the course or program you wish to enrol in.

Be ready with evidence to support your request for disability accommodations.