

## SCHEDULE C: ADMISSION AND SELECTION ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

This Schedule is made pursuant to the *Admission Criteria and Selection (Higher Education Courses) procedure* and was approved by the Academic Board on 29 May 2018.

Detailed information regarding application and evidential requirements is available on the [Admission Adjustment Factors website](#).

### Contextual Information

Eligible students will be ranked and selected into courses on the basis of academic merit, likelihood of success and the availability of places in accordance with the *Admission Criteria and Selection (Higher Education Courses) procedure*.

Selection rankings take into consideration factors that are likely to:

- a. have adversely affected a student’s prior academic achievement
- b. increase a student’s chance of success in their intended course, including:
  - i. previous academic achievement in particular discipline areas
  - ii. non-academic characteristics and/or capabilities.

Adjustment factors will be reviewed on an annual basis. Adjustments will be applied during the selection process in accordance with the following:

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1.2	<p><b>Other Adjustments</b></p> <p><b>Subject Adjustments</b> Applicants applying for an undergraduate course (or combined undergraduate/postgraduate course) on the basis of recently completed Australian secondary education may be eligible for subject adjustments. Subject adjustment points may be added to the applicants aggregate study score on the basis of study scores achieved in subjects considered by faculties to add value to their course application. Nominated subjects are published annually at <a href="#">Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) Course Search</a>.</p> <p><b>Location Adjustments</b> The following courses attract a location adjustment for applicants located at a school in a regional or remote area of Australia or within the City of Greater Geelong:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry</li> <li>• Bachelor of Medical Imaging</li> <li>• Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science (Waurm Ponds only)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management) (Waurm Ponds only).</li> </ul> <p><b>Elite Athlete and Performer Adjustments</b> The following courses attract an adjustment for applicants eligible for elite athlete status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science</li> <li>• Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management).</li> </ul> <p>This status is defined in line with Deakin’s membership of the Elite Athlete Friendly University network as athletes and coaches contracted to specific entities. The list of entities will be published on an annual basis on the <a href="#">Admissions Adjustment Factors website</a>.</p>

**2. APPLICATION OF ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE SELECTION PROCESS**

2.1	<p><b>Recent secondary education:</b> Applicants applying on the basis of a recently completed Australian secondary education will have additional points added to their aggregate study score to determine an equivalent ATAR. Applicants are eligible for a maximum of up to 15 additional points inclusive of equity adjustments, subject adjustments and any course specific adjustments. The schemas for each category and caps applicable against each category are approved annually and published on the <a href="#">Admissions Adjustment Factors website</a>.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Other applicants:</b> Consideration will be provided within the selection process, and selection officers will be guided by the approved Deakin University Schema (below) applicable to applicants who have recently completed secondary education and the weighting of each category. Outcomes of this adjustment process will be equivalent, as far as reasonably possible, to the outcomes of the adjustments provided to applicants applying for admission on the basis of recent secondary education.</p>

**Deakin University Schema**

Adjustment categories (as per section 1 above)									
Age	Gender	Living or school locations	Indigenous Australian	Under represented Schools	Non-English speaking background	Difficult circumstances	Disadvantaged financial background	Disability or medical condition	Overall maximum
8 <sup>^</sup>	5	10	15	10	5	up to 10 <sup>**</sup>	Up to 10 <sup>*</sup> / <sup>***</sup>	Up to 10 <sup>**</sup>	15

<sup>^</sup> Applies to applicants over 21 years of age at 1 January in the year of commencement, unless offer is deferred.  
<sup>\*</sup> Scored applicant up to 10, Centrelink recipients 10.  
<sup>\*\*</sup> Ratings given by VTAC (from 1 to 5) are scaled so the disadvantage assessed by VTAC corresponds with the aggregate adjustment given by Deakin as specified (eg. a VTAC rating of 4 would scale to an aggregate adjustment of 8).  
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> For non-Centrelink recipients, the above <sup>\*\*</sup> applies.

3.	<p><b>APPLYING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p>Applicants seeking admission via VTAC are required to submit their application for consideration under equity adjustment categories in the manner prescribed by VTAC. Applicants seeking admission directly to the University, and applying for consideration under the Equity Adjustment categories should nominate their intention within the Deakin University Applicant Portal. All other categories are automatically applied.</p>
4.	<p><b>DOCTOR OF MEDICINE APPLICANTS</b></p> <p>4.1 <b>Rural/Regional residency</b>  Applicants who meet defined rural and regional residency criteria have additional points added to the combined grade point average (GPA) and Graduate Australian Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) score. To qualify for an adjustment for rural/regional residency, applicants must have lived for at least 10 years cumulatively or any 5 years consecutively after birth in a place classified by the ASGC-RA system as level 205 or the City of Greater Geelong. Residence in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASGC-RA 2 or the City of Greater Geelong: an adjustment of 4% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score</li> <li>• ASGC-RA 3-5: an adjustment of 8% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.</li> </ul> <p>4.2 <b>Prior Clinical Experience</b>  Applicants who have completed one year (12 months) of full-time clinical practice as a registered health professional may have a 4% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT score. The following health disciplines will attract a 4% adjustment: chiropractic, dentistry, nursing, midwifery, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology, occupational therapy, dietetics, speech pathology, paramedics, and practitioners of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine and medical radiation.  This adjustment is applied to both domestic and international applicants.  Applicants who claim the Work Experience adjustment (below) are not eligible to apply for this adjustment.</p> <p>4.3 <b>Financial Disadvantage</b>  Applicants who can demonstrate financial disadvantage which may have impacted on academic performance during their undergraduate degree may qualify for an adjustment. The following benefits are recognised as providing eligibility for the adjustment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all Centrelink income payments</li> <li>• Department of Veteran’s Affairs income payments.</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Australian Federal or State Government income payments of similar amounts may be considered.</i></p> <p>StudyLink benefits (exclusive of StudyLink loans) apply for applicants from New Zealand.  Applicants who are able to demonstrate that they have been in receipt of an approved Centrelink/StudyLink benefit for at least 12 months during their undergraduate degree, may have a 2% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT scores.</p> <p>4.4 <b>Deakin Graduate</b>  Applicants who have graduated from Deakin University with a bachelor degree of at least 3 years duration may have a 4% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT score. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 16 credit points of their course requirements at Deakin in order to be eligible for consideration.</p> <p>4.5 <b>Work Experience</b>  Applicants who can demonstrate that they have gained a minimum of 2 years full-time employment experience in any area of work (consecutively or cumulatively over 4 years) may have a 2% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.  Applicants who claim the Prior Clinical Experience adjustment (see 4.2 above) are not eligible to apply for this adjustment.</p>