

SCHEDULE B: 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 22 September 2021.

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:

1.	ADJUSTMENT CATEGORIES
1.1	Equity Adjustments
	<p><i>Mature Age</i> Applicants must be applying for an undergraduate course and be 21 years of age or older on 1 January in the year of commencement.</p>
	<p><i>Gender</i> Applicants must be applying for a course designated by Deakin University as being under-represented by a specific gender. This list will be established by Faculties on review of annual course enrolment data and may include new courses in disciplines consistent with the criteria. The list will be published on an annual basis on the Admissions Adjustment Factors website.</p>
	<p><i>Living or school locations</i> Applicant will have a permanent living address or will have attended a school that is identified by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) classification as rural or regional.</p>
	<p><i>Indigenous Australian</i> Applicants must be Australian Aboriginal and/or of Torres Strait Islander descent or identify as a person of such heritage.</p>
	<p><i>Under-represented school</i> Applicants must have recently completed secondary education at an under-represented school listed by Deakin University. This list will be determined using the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage and will include partner schools participating in Deakin's Engagement and Access Program. The list will be published on an annual basis on the Admissions Adjustment Factors website.</p>
	<p><i>Non-English speaking background</i> Applicants must have been born outside of Australia in a non-English speaking country, speak a language other than English at home, and have arrived in Australia less than 10 years prior to application.</p>
	<p><i>Disadvantaged financial background</i> Circumstances may include individual or family poverty, excessive financial obligations or individual or family economic hardship. Applicants or parent/guardian may be in receipt of a Centrelink benefit or alternatively may submit an impact statement and statement of support from a third party.</p>
	<p><i>Disability or medical condition</i> Circumstances may include disability, impairment or medical condition impacting prior academic achievement. Applicants must provide an impact statement and a statement of support detailing condition and duration from the treating health care professional. Details of any absences from learning (including duration) should also be included.</p>
	<p><i>Difficult circumstances</i> Circumstances may include refugee status, difficult or abusive living environment or natural disaster. Applicants who have difficult circumstances impacting their prior academic achievement must provide an impact statement and a statement of support from a third party.</p>

1.2	<p>Other Adjustments</p> <p>Subject Adjustments 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 Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) Course Search.</p> <p>Location Adjustments 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"> • Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry • Bachelor of Medical Imaging • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science (Waurrn Ponds only) • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management) (Waurrn Ponds only) • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science (Waurrn Ponds only). <p>Elite Athlete and Performer Adjustments The following courses attract an adjustment for applicants eligible for elite athlete status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management) • Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science. <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 Admissions Adjustment Factors website.</p>
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2. APPLICATION OF ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE SELECTION PROCESS

2.1	<p>Recent secondary education: 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 27 aggregate points (which will equate to an increase of no more than 12 ATAR 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 Admissions Adjustment Factors website. Note: the University applies a cap of 12 ATAR points.</p>
2.2	<p>Other applicants: 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 [^]	5	10	15	10	5	up to 10 ^{**}	Up to 10 [*] / ^{***}	Up to 10 ^{**}	27 aggregate points and 12 ATAR points

[^] Applies to applicants over 21 years of age at 1 January in the year of commencement, unless offer is deferred.

^{*} Scored applicant up to 10, Centrelink recipients 10.

^{**} 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).

^{***} For non-Centrelink recipients, the above ^{**} applies.

3.	<p>APPLYING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT</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>DOCTOR OF MEDICINE APPLICANTS</p> <p>4.1 Rural/Regional residency 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 ASGS-RA system as level 205 or the City of Greater Geelong. Residence in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASGS-RA 2 or the City of Greater Geelong: an adjustment of 4% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score • ASGS-RA 3-5: an adjustment of 8% of the combined GPA and GAMSAT score. <p>4.2 Prior Clinical Experience Applicants who have completed one year (12 months) of full-time clinical practice as an AHPRA registered health professional, or in speech pathology or dietetics may have a 4% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT score.</p> <p>Applicants with international clinical practice and registration that aligns with the professions listed on the AHPRA website including speech pathology and dietetics, may also be eligible to receive this adjustment (bonus).</p> <p>Applicants who claim the Work Experience adjustment (below) are not eligible to apply for this adjustment.</p> <p>4.3 Financial Disadvantage Applicants who can demonstrate financial disadvantage which may have impacted on academic performance during their most recent qualifying degree may qualify for an adjustment. The following benefits are recognised as providing eligibility for the adjustment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all Centrelink income payments • Department of Veteran’s Affairs income payments. <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.</p> <p>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 Deakin Graduate Applicants who have graduated from Deakin University with an undergraduate or postgraduate degree by coursework may have a 4% adjustment added to the combined GPA and GAMSAT score. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two thirds of their course requirements at Deakin in order to be eligible for consideration. Recognition of Prior Learning will not count as having met the two thirds of the course requirement.</p> <p>4.5 Work Experience 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.</p> <p>Applicants who claim the Prior Clinical Experience adjustment (see 4.2 above) are not eligible to apply for this adjustment.</p>