

ELITE ATHLETES AND PERFORMERS

SPECIAL ADMISSION INFORMATION GUIDE

These guidelines are for the Special Admission Scheme – Elite Athletes and Performers, for **undergraduate applicants** whose education has been affected by elite level training or performing commitments during study relevant for entry to UTS. The eligibility criteria below will assist you in determining whether you should apply.

UAC APPLICATION

All Special Admission – Elite Athletes and Performers applicants will also need to submit a **UAC application** for university admission. You may also be required to fulfil other requirements such as completing a personal statement, please check the UTS section of the UAC Guide for any requirements related to the courses you are applying for.

ELIGIBILITY

You are considered to be an **elite athlete** if you have officially represented your school or state at national level competition during Years 11 and/or 12, or during other studies relevant to your application and your selection to the relevant team was competitive.

You are considered to be an **elite performer** if you have performed in extended or significant productions in Australia or overseas during Years 11 and/or 12 or during other studies relevant to your application.

You are eligible to apply for Special Admission – Elite Athletes and Performers if:

- > you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident, AND
- > you are a current or non-current school leaver, AND
- > you are an elite athlete or performer (see Q.6 for required documentation to support your claim); AND
- > you studied in Years 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, or your current or previous tertiary studies have been seriously affected by your performing commitments (tertiary studies include diploma, advanced diploma, degree or higher level studies, undertaken either in Australia or overseas).

HOW DOES THE SPECIAL ADMISSION SCHEME WORK?

If you have been assessed as eligible you will receive a concession on the academic entry requirements of your course. The concession will apply in relation to the qualification that was affected by disadvantageous circumstances. This may assist you if this qualification is used as the basis for entry into the courses you are applying for.

HSC

Applicants who are completing the HSC in 2010, or applicants using an HSC result from a previous year as the basis for entry into UTS, will be provided with a 5 point ATAR concession on the standard ATAR cutoff for your course.

Post-secondary qualification

If you have commenced study or completed post-secondary study, your application may be considered on the basis of this study. For post-secondary study to be considered, it must be recognised by the relevant UTS faculty as an acceptable basis for entry into the course for which you are applying. If disadvantageous circumstances impacted on your post-secondary study, you may receive a 5 point ATAR concession on the standard entry to the course.

Undergraduate admission requirements for each faculty are set out at <http://www.uts.edu.au/study/admission.html>

Please note: Eligibility under the Special Admission Scheme does not automatically lead to an offer of a place at UTS. You are still required to compete for a place on the basis of academic merit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Q.1 APPLICATION DETAILS

UTS will use your answer to verify your UAC application details.

Q.5 ELITE ATHLETE OR PERFORMER STATUS

You must also confirm that you have attached documents from a relevant sports body or professional association that:

- (a) verifies that your performance meets national standards in your chosen sport or arts area; and
- (b) demonstrate that your selection to the relevant team was competitive (for athletes)

Please list these documents in the space provided.

Q.8 PERSONAL STATEMENT – ELITE PERFORMANCE

Outline how your sporting or performance commitments impacted on your educational outcomes during the relevant period of study.

Q.9 STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT – ELITE PERFORMANCE

You need to provide **two types** of support statements:

- > from a sporting/performance coach or manager who can support your claim of elite level performance; and
- > from a responsible person who is aware of how your commitments have impacted on your educational performance. It is preferable that this person be someone at the educational institution where you have completed your qualification such as your school principal, TAFE teacher, or academic supervisor.

Q.10 OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)

To be eligible for Special Admission – Elite Athletes and Performers, you must prove ONLY elite athlete/performer status. However, in addition to your sporting or performance commitments, you may have experienced disadvantageous circumstances beyond your control which seriously affected your education. If this applies to you, obtain a 'Special Admission - Educational Disadvantage' application from the UTS Student Info and Admin Centre.

CLOSING DATE:

30 September 2010

Deliver to: Student Info and Admin Centre
Foyer Level, UTS, 15 Broadway, Broadway.

Post to: Student Info and Admin Centre
UTS, PO Box 123, Broadway 2007.

VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS:

If you provide copies of original documents the copies should be verified.

Who can verify documents?

An authorised officer must verify your documents.
Authorised officers include employees of:

- > the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
- > the Student Enquiries Office or Admissions Office at any UAC participating university, including the UTS Student Info & Admin offices at the City and Kuring-gai campuses
- > the Administration Office at any TAFE college
- > Interstate tertiary admissions centers

Some institutions may charge for verified copies.

Alternatively, documents may be verified by a Justice of the Peace with a registration number.

NB: copies verified by a Justice of the Peace without registration number will NOT be accepted.