

Categories of Educational Disadvantage

Carer responsibilities

Definition

A person of any age who, without being paid, cares for another person who needs ongoing support because of a long-term medical condition, a mental illness, a disability, frailty or the need for palliative care.

A carer:

- May or may not be a family member and may or may not live with the person they care for
- May be in receipt of a Centrelink Carer Allowance or Carer Payment.

Volunteers under the auspices of a voluntary organisation are not included.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if you are receiving a Carer Payment or Carer Allowance. You will be required to enter your CRN in your equity scholarship online application
- An independent statement to support your eligibility for carer responsibilities completed and signed by a responsible person who knows your circumstances.
 - A responsible person may;
 - Doctor,
 - Specialist medical professional,
 - Lawyer,
 - Accountant,
 - Social worker,
 - Counsellor,
 - Religious or community leader.

- They must be familiar with your circumstances and able to comment and provide information about your educational disadvantage and its effect on your ability to access professional development training. You will need to explain why you are not in receipt of a Carer Payment or Carer Allowance.

Financial Hardship

There are three categories of financial hardship. A person is considered to be experiencing financial hardship if they satisfy one (only) of the following definitions.

Definition 1

A person currently receiving a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment (such as a Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or Carer Payment).

Supporting documentation required

Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN). The CRN must be in your name. You will be required to enter your CRN in your equity scholarship online application.

Definition 2

A person expecting to receive a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment

Supporting documentation required

You will be asked to indicate in your equity scholarship online application when you expect to receive a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment.

No documentation is required to support eligibility for the expectation of receipt of a means-tested payment when you apply.

You will be required to verify receipt of an allowance to us after enrolment and prior to payment of an Equity Scholarship. Alternatively, email your CRN to info@sydneycentreforcreativechange.com.au once your first payment has been credited to your bank account and we will update your assessment.

Definition 3

A person able to provide comprehensive information demonstrating exceptional financial hardship.

Applicants who are eligible to claim a Centrelink means-tested allowance but choose not to are not eligible to claim exceptional financial hardship.

Applicants whose family income is above the Centrelink eligibility threshold are generally not eligible to claim exceptional financial hardship.

Supporting documentation required

Evidence of eligibility for exceptional financial hardship demonstrating a level of real and enduring financial hardship.

Indigenous Australian

Definition

A person who satisfies all of the following criteria:

- Is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which they live or have lived.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- A 'Declaration – Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander'. You will be able to print this declaration at the end of your equity scholarship application. You will need to complete and return the declaration to Sydney Centre for Creative Change.

Refugee status

Definition

A person who entered Australia in one of the following ways:

- As a refugee
- On a Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)

or was granted either of the above by the Australian Government after arriving in Australia.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- A copy of your Australian entry visa showing refugee status
- A copy of your Red Cross or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) registration if you arrived in Australia on a non-refugee visa
- A copy of your document for travelling to Australia
- A copy of your Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202).

Regional or remote disadvantage

Definition

A person who, within the two years immediately prior to the start professional training with us, lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months.

Supporting documentation required

Documents substantiating your residential (not postal) address in a regional or remote area of Australia for a period of at least 12 months in the two years immediately prior to applying for professional development training. Documents must be in your name.

Documents may include: bank statements; Centrelink letters; electoral commission enrolment form; utilities bill; phone bill, anything which would show your home address in the last 12 months.

Your permanent residence postcode/s will be used to assess whether you lived in a regional or remote area of Australia.

The Australian Standard Geographic Classification Remoteness Areas (ASGC RA) system map can be accessed at doctorconnect.gov.au. You can use this tool as a guide for your postcode. All categories other than 'RA1 – Major Cities of Australia' are considered to be regional or remote (major cities not eligible highlighted in blue on some maps).

To see if your address qualifies, Go to doctorconnect.gov.au and click on *search the map*, then enter your full address on the right in the box, then tick this

☒ ASGS Remoteness Areas (2016).

Sole parent responsibilities

Definition

A person of any age who is single and has at least one dependent child under 18 who is wholly or primarily in their care and who is living in Australia.

Supporting documentation required

One (only) of the following:

- Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if you are receiving a Parenting Payment (Single). You will be

required to enter your CRN in your equity scholarship online application

- Another Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment as a single person with at least one dependent child such as Newstart Allowance
- An independent statement to support your eligibility for sole parent responsibilities, completed and signed by a responsible person who knows your circumstances.
 - A responsible person may be a;
 - Doctor,
 - Specialist medical professional,
 - Lawyer,
 - Accountant,
 - Social worker,
 - Counsellor,
 - Religious or community leader.
 - They must be familiar with your circumstances and able to comment and provide information about your educational disadvantage and its effect on your ability to attend professional development training.

You will need to explain why you are not in receipt of a Parenting Payment (Single).