

## Supporting Documentation – Financial and Educational Disadvantage Guide

My circumstance/s	Evidence that you are required to provide
<b>I am an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You need to provide identification that shows you are an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the name of your community to RMIT's <a href="#">Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Note: we require you to be identified on our student information database as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.</p>
<b>I am studying with a disability, long-term illness or mental health condition.</b>	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a detailed letter from your health care provider<sup>#</sup> or</li> <li>- evidence of Centrelink disability or sickness benefit payments<sup>#</sup> or</li> <li>- your 2017 or 2018 Equitable Learning Plan</li> </ul> <p>Note: a detailed letter from your health care provider<sup>#</sup> is preferred</p>
<b>I am a current/former refugee.</b>	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- your Permanent Humanitarian Visa or</li> <li>- <a href="#">Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) check</a> or</li> <li>- refugee documentation from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.</li> </ul>
<b>I am moving from a rural/regional/interstate location to study at RMIT in Melbourne.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof of your current rural/regional/interstate address, e.g. a copy of a bank statement<sup>#</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>I have already moved from a rural/regional/interstate location in order to study at RMIT in Melbourne.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof that shows your previous and current addresses and when you moved, e.g. dated bank statements that show old and new addresses; rental agreement demonstrating when you moved in.</li> </ul>
<b>I have other difficulties and/or special circumstances which impact my education.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A copy of documentation to support statements in your application.</li> </ul> <p>Documentation dated within three months is preferred.</p>
<b>I am a part-time student.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence to support reasons why you are unable to study full-time, e.g. a copy of a detailed letter from your health care provider, evidence of Centrelink Carer or dependent payments<sup>#</sup>.</li> </ul>

<sup>#</sup> The evidence you provide must not be more than three months old.

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<p><b>I am financially disadvantaged</b></p> <p><b>a) I receive Australian Government benefits income support, from Centrelink, or have a concession/health care card. I have been low income tested.</b></p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>b) I don't receive Australian Government benefits for income support nor do I have a low income concession / health care card</b></p> <p><small>In addition to providing evidence of your income, if either of the below is relevant to you, you need to provide appropriate supporting documentation</small></p> <p>I live with my parent(s) or with a partner and do not receive Australian Government benefits for income support</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>I am financially supported by someone, but do not live with them (such as by my parent(s) or partner) (and I do not receive Australian Government benefits for income support)</p>	<p>A copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- your current Centrelink Health Care Card#</li> <li>or</li> <li>- your Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card#</li> <li>or</li> <li>- Centrelink Exceptional Circumstances Certificate#</li> <li>or</li> <li>- an income statement# from Centrelink that shows you are in receipt of low- income support payments for Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance or a pension.</li> </ul> <p><small>Note: If you are submitting an income statement, it should show the type and amount of Centrelink payments you receive (excluding any non-income support such as Family Tax Benefit Part A or B, Childcare Benefits, Carer Allowance and/or Parenting Payment)<sup>#</sup>. <b>Please ensure your full name is stated on all supporting documentation including any screenshots.</b></small></p> <p><b>Minimum requirements</b></p> <p>A copy of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. your proof of income for the financial year 2016–2017, i.e. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June. Your total income must be below the Centrelink low-income test in the financial year 2016–17, <b>and</b></li> <li>B. your last three pay slips, if applicable<sup>#</sup>, <b>and</b></li> <li>C. a brief description of your living arrangements in 2018 including number of family members and what capacity if any you contribute to the family income.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. your parents' or partner's income for the financial year 2016–2017, e.g. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June <b>and</b></li> <li>B. their last three consecutive pay slips<sup>#</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. your parents' or partner's income for the financial year 2016–17, e.g. Australian Taxation Office notice of assessment—year ended 30 June <b>and</b></li> <li>B. your parents' or partner's last three consecutive pay slips<sup>#</sup> <b>and</b></li> <li>C. a statement specifying their yearly or weekly contributions to you or on your behalf (e.g. rent, bills, and any bills paid to a third party)<sup>#</sup>, <b>and</b></li> <li>D. a brief description of what their 2018 living arrangements will be including details of any other dependent children, their ages and whether there are any other tertiary students living at home.</li> </ul>
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