



UWay

a special entry scheme for TEE students who have experienced disadvantage



UWay is a scheme which allows Tertiary Entrance Examination (TEE) students (or interstate and NZ equivalent) whose academic achievements have been adversely affected by certain disadvantages, to apply for special entry to an undergraduate degree course at The University of Western Australia. It is available to all TEE students (including those who are mature-aged) who are Australian citizens, Permanent Residents of Australia, NZ citizens, or holders of an Australian Humanitarian visa.

UWay applies a notional adjustment to your Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) (or equivalent) according to the disadvantage you have experienced. This does not change your *actual* TER – the adjustment is only for the purpose of your UWay application.

If your *actual* TER falls below the cut-off for your desired course, it is possible that your *notional* (adjusted) TER will gain you a place.

Am I eligible to apply through the UWay scheme?

In order to be eligible for consideration through the UWay scheme, you will still need to satisfy the University's requirements for the following:

- Secondary Graduation
- English Language Competence
- Prerequisites

You can find out more about these requirements at www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergrad/australian/admission

You are not eligible to apply through UWay on the basis of difficulties experienced as a result of:

- An on-going chronic or frequent illness or medical condition
- Missing assignments due to transfer between schools or late commencement
- Inability to complete tasks due to injury or physical disability

UWay does not apply to factors covered by the Curriculum Council of Western Australia's Sickness and Misadventure Policy. You should contact the Curriculum Council (27 Walters Drive, Osborne Park, Western Australia, 6017, Tel: (08) 9273 6300, website: www.curriculum.wa.edu.au) or your School Principal for further information.

Grounds for consideration under the UWay scheme

UWay applies to all undergraduate courses that may be entered directly from school.

You may apply through UWay for admission to UWA if you believe your preparation for TEE (or equivalent) would have been better had you not experienced disadvantages such as:

1. Attending a school where very few students in Year 11 and 12 are interested in tertiary education;
2. Rural isolation, where 'rural' is defined as a distance of >75km from the nearest Central Business District (CBD);
3. Lack of a supportive study environment in your family home;
4. Needing to engage in excessive part-time employment to help supplement your family's income;
5. Excessive family responsibilities;
6. Disruption of your education due to relocation or difficult migrant passage;
7. A period of long illness or a medical condition, which is now over or is abating;
8. Bereavement; and / or
9. Other disadvantage not covered in criteria 1 – 8.

Indigenous Australians

If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent you are advised to seek special admission through the UWA School of Indigenous Studies, Tel: (08) 6488 3428, country callers 1800 819 292 (for the cost of a local call) or email: sis@sis.uwa.edu.au

First year at UWA for UWay students

As a UWay student you will be provided with an extended orientation programme before first semester begins, as well as additional support services throughout your first year. It is a condition of your acceptance of a UWay place that you:

- Attend the on-campus component of the UniSkills Flying Start Orientation Programme and attend your Faculty's Host Day;
- Meet the UniSkills Coordinator before the sixth week of first semester, and again before the sixth week of second semester to discuss your academic progress;
- Make an appointment to see a designated Faculty Adviser before the end of the third week of first semester;
- Attend UniSkills study groups during second semester if academic progress in first semester is unsatisfactory; and
- Sign up for a student mentor through the UniMentor before the start of first semester.

Further details will be sent to you in January after Main Round offers are made. However, if you qualify for admission to UWA on the basis of your TER and do not need special admission through UWay then we will still offer you, as a person who was nominated for UWay, the extra support services that are available to UWay students through the UniMentor and UniSkills Programmes, if you feel that this would be helpful. You are strongly encouraged to make an appointment to see the UniSkills Coordinator before the end of the third week of semester to find out what services are available.

How do I apply through UWay?

1. You must first submit a TISC application (www.tisc.edu.au) with a UWA preference by the September applications closing date.
2. Complete the **UWay Student Statement** form. This form may be downloaded from the webpage www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/10202, or obtained in hard copy from your School Principal.
3. Download and complete only the **Criterion Forms** applicable to the criterion/criteria you have identified in Part 2 of the Student Statement. Please ensure that you provide all the information that is requested, including supporting documentation. The personal statement section of each criterion is very important in explaining your case. Please submit your statement in your own handwriting and using your own words, providing as much information as possible. In addition to describing the nature of the disadvantage you have experienced, you need to explain very clearly you have been prevented from reaching your academic potential.
4. Attach the completed Criterion Forms to the UWay Student Statement.
5. The completed forms and any supporting documentation should be given to your School Principal. If the information is confidential you may give it to your Principal in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) and marked 'Private and Confidential'. Alternatively, you can post your student statement directly to the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) (see address below).
6. Ask your School Principal to complete the **School Nomination** form. Where this is not possible the School Nomination form can be completed by the Deputy Principal, Year 12 Coordinator or School Psychologist. In the absence of the School Principal or an appropriate delegate please contact the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) on (08) 6488 3185 (country callers 1800 65 3050) for advice. *Please note that the School Nomination form is not required for Criterion 1 (attending a school where very few students in Year 11 and 12 were*



interested in tertiary education) and/or Criterion 2 (rural isolation, where 'rural' is defined as a distance of >75km from the nearest Central Business District [CBD]).

7. Your School Principal should post the complete application package, consisting of:
- Student Statement with applicable Criterion Forms attached (unless forwarded separately to the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee))
 - School Nomination
 - Any supporting documentation

directly to:

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**Executive Officer (Admissions Committee)
Admissions Centre – M353
The University of Western Australia
35 Stirling Highway
CRAWLEY WA 6009**

Points to Remember

- You will be sent a letter in October acknowledging receipt of your UWay application.
- You need to advise the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) if you change your address, or if you are going to be away from home in January and/or February.
- In December you will receive your Universities Admission Advice Letter (UAAL) from TISC. Note that as a UWay applicant, if your UAAL indicates that you are not eligible for UWA admission because your TER is below the University's minimum, this may not apply to you as a notional adjustment through UWay may lift your rank above the University's minimum. [Note, however, that you are still required to satisfy the University's English Language Competence requirement.] Before you change your preferences or take any other action you should contact the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) for advice.

- The UWay Assessment Panel meets before the main round of offers. Most UWay offers will be made in the main round, although some offers may be made in the second round. If you need advice at any stage between November and February you should contact the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) on (08) 6488 3185 (country callers 1800 65 3050).

The closing date for UWay applications is the end of September (TISC applications closing date).

Late applications will not be accepted unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Students who have not submitted a UWay application by the closing date should contact the Executive Officer (Admissions Committee) for advice.

For further information about UWay please contact:

Executive Officer (Admissions Committee)

Tel: (08) 6488 3185 or 1800 65 3050 (country callers)

Fax: (08) 6488 1226

Email: eo-admissions@uwa.edu.au

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UWA will ensure that any and all information provided is maintained in a manner in keeping with standards of professional conduct and in strict confidence. Relevant details may be discussed by the UWay Assessment Panel, the University's Student Services practitioners and relevant Faculty staff to access eligibility for the UWay scheme and will not be released outside the relevant administrative area without your prior written consent. Information is only disclosed without consent when there is a clear danger to the applicant or others, or there is a legal obligation to do so by court subpoena, search warrant or legislated requirement.



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