# TYPES OF DISADVANTAGE

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
Supporting documentation may include:

- If you’re not currently receiving a Centrelink payment, but did so during Years 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, attach a copy of your most recent Centrelink income statement. The documentation must be in your name.
- An ATO Notice of Financial Assessment for the last financial year and copies of pay slips for the last two months.
- A copy of a Health Care Card.
- A copy of a statement with details of any Centrelink income- and asset-tested entitlement you’re receiving (this may include Family Tax Benefit A).
- A Centrelink income statement issued to your parent/s or guardian/s demonstrating their receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A.
- Any other documents to demonstrate your exceptional financial hardship.

## DISABILITY OR LONG-TERM ILLNESS/MEDICAL CONDITIONS
Supporting documentation may include:

- Medical certificates/reports relating to the medical condition you have claimed.
- Letter from your school that provides details of any absences from school and/or disruption to your learning. The document must be on the school letterhead and must be signed by the principal or another senior person at the school.

## SEVERE FAMILY ILLNESS/DEATH
Supporting documentation may include:

- A medical certificate/report giving full details of the length of illness and its severity. Include information about treatment, medication, hospitalisation.
- A copy of divorce papers or other appropriate supporting documents.
- A copy of documents relating to any associated legal proceedings (eg Apprehended Violence Order, Police Record of Interview).
- A copy of documents relating to the criminal/legal matters (eg police fact sheets, bail undertakings, coronial inquiries, medical tribunals, police investigations).
- Death certificate.
### REFUGEE STATUS

Supporting documentation may include:

- your Australian refugee or humanitarian visa
- your Red Cross or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) registration
- your document for travel to Australia.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

Supporting documentation may include:

- copies of your school reports for your secondary education studies undertaken before coming to Australia. These documents must be translated into English.
- a copy of your initial immigration visa showing the date stamp for your first arrival in Australia, or other document from the Department of Home Affairs on official letterhead confirming the date of your first arrival.
- an Intensive English Centre (IEC) record of attendance
- a record of attendance from each school you’ve attended. The record of attendance must be issued on the school letterhead, be signed by the principal or another senior person at your school, and confirm the period you attended the school. It is not a record of absences

### ATTENDANCE AT A RURAL OR DISADVANTAGED HIGH SCHOOL

Supporting documentation may include:

- a record of attendance from your school. The record of attendance must be issued on the school letterhead, be signed by the principal or another senior person at your school, and confirm the period you attended the school.