

Sickness/Misadventure

An overview of the application process for ATAR course examinations

Definitions

- Candidate – a student who has formally studied the course at a school and completed the school-based assessment elements for the course
- Non-school candidate – an individual who has not formally studied the course at a school
- ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
- Sickness/Misadventure – a temporary sickness, non-permanent disability or event close to or during the ATAR course examinations

Types of special provisions offered for ATAR course examinations

- Special Provisions include the equitable access adjustments and sickness misadventure application processes
- Equitable access adjustments are
 - adjusted arrangements for sitting the ATAR course examinations
 - requested before the examinations through an application made by the school.
- Sickness/misadventure consideration is
 - a special consideration for ATAR course examination marks
 - requested after the examinations through an application made by the student
- The focus of this presentation is sickness and misadventure consideration

Sickness and misadventure – ATAR course examinations

- Sickness/misadventure consideration is only provided for acute illnesses, or events beyond the control of the candidate in the immediate period prior to or on the actual date of the ATAR examinations

Applications for Sickness/Misadventure

- Application forms are available from
 - examination centres
 - the Authority website
- Applications close
 - for practical examination claims – Thursday, 29 October 2026
 - for written examination claims – Tuesday, 24 November 2026
- The onus of responsibility rests with the candidate for
 - completing the form
 - acquiring appropriate evidence
 - submitting the application by the due date

Application requirements

- Evidence of sickness or misadventure to be provided on the application form by the candidate and:
 - a registered health professional (sickness claims only)
 - or**
 - an independent witness (misadventure claims only)
- The form must be complete when submitted
- Electronic applications are not accepted
- Late applications cannot be considered

Ineligibility for Sickness/Misadventure

- Non-school candidates
- Loss of study time during the year
- Alleged deficiencies in tuition
- School assessment of ATAR courses
- Attendance at sporting, cultural or social events during ATAR course examinations
- Misreading the examination timetable or instructions
- Long-term illness
- Injury/illness existing prior to start of Term 3 – practical examinations
- School assessment of ATAR courses
- General courses – do not have an external examination

Key points to note

- A separate form must be submitted for practical and written ATAR course examinations
- The closing dates for applications are:
 - practical examinations – Thursday, 29 October 2026
 - written examinations – Tuesday, 24 November 2026
- The candidate is to submit the form immediately after the last examination affected
- Schools, examination centres and supervisors must not collect forms
- The candidate is to:
 - visit doctor on the day of, or day before, examinations for sickness claims
 - draw illness to attention of supervisor/school, if ill at the examination centre
 - to keep a copy of the application

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