

We understand that the intended pathway to University study doesn't always go to plan. For this reason, Murdoch University will consider applications from prospective students, whose education has been compromised due to genuine hardship, resulting in them falling short of admissions requirements for an undergraduate course. The hardship must be evidenced, and each application will be reviewed by an Extenuating Circumstances committee in the weeks leading up to course offers being released. As well as the hardship being evidenced, applicants must be able to demonstrate their readiness (via school reports, professional references) and willing to succeed at tertiary studies.

Examples of hardship

- A short term or recent medical condition and / or disability that may have affected final school results, but that may now be resolved or can be managed effectively (and has not already been compensated by School Curriculum and Standards Authority see below).
- Bereavement of a close family member.
- Financial hardship.
- Excessive family responsibilities (caring for family members or working excessively to supplement family income).
- Disruption to education due to multiple relocations.
- Coming from a non-supportive home learning environment.
- Other disadvantages not covered above.

Not Eligible for Extenuating Circumstances consideration

- Applicants who have already received consideration for the School Curriculum and Standards Authority under their Sickness and Misadventure policy, or Special Examination Arrangement or Alternative Examination Policy.
- Applicants who cannot demonstrate English Language Competency.
- An ongoing chronic medical condition or frequent illness during secondary education that has been taken into account by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.
- Those seeking alternative pathways due to exiting secondary school prior to completion for non- hardship reasons.
- Those seeking entry that have chosen secondary school courses that do not meet admission requirements.
- Those seeking entry to the Veterinary Science course. Applicants who want admission into this course will be advised to apply through the Animal Science or Animal Health pathway.

Murdoch University offers [OnTrack](#), a free 14 week enabling program each Semester. The OnTrack program prepares students for the rigor of tertiary study through a range of essay writing, research, critical thinking, communication and referencing modules. In assessing Extenuating Circumstances applications, Murdoch University will determine whether applicants have a reasonable chance of succeeding in their studies. If this is in doubt, then OnTrack may be recommended.



How to apply

In addition to completing the [Retrospective Withdrawal Application Form](#) applicants are required to supply:

1. A personal statement outlining their Extenuating Circumstances, how these circumstances have impacted their pathway to University, and how, despite these circumstances, they feel able to succeed in their chosen course.
2. A supporting statement on official letterhead, from an appropriate professional(s) (eg: Medical or Health Practitioner, Social Worker, School Principal) outlining the impact of the hardship on your studies and your potential to succeed at University despite the hardship.
3. School Reports form Year 11 and 12.

Please **do not** include personal references from family and friends, and resumes.

Application Deadlines

Semester 1 Entry

The Extenuating Circumstances Committee will undertake two sittings in the lead up to first Semester to allow for application to be considered for December Round Offers and January Round Offers. To be considered for December Round offers, completed applications must be received by the **first Friday in December**. To be considered for January Round Offers, completed applications must be received by the **second Friday in January**.

Applicants must also apply through TISC and provide their TISC identification number on their Extenuating Circumstances Application form.

Semester 2 Entry

Completed applications must be received no later than one month prior to commencement of Semester 2. ([Click here to see semester start dates](#)).

Questions?

If you have any questions about Extenuating Circumstances, please contact us on 1300 687 3624 (1300 MURDOCH) or send an email to study@murdoch.edu.au.