

## 102 – Indirect (Alternative) entry to university

Most universities have a range of alternative entry pathways for all students.

1. To apply for alternative entry, you may need some or all of the following documents:
  - a. Your recent school reports or any other academic records (e.g. TAFE courses)
  - b. [Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Heritage](#). In the absence of confirmation, contact your university or Indigenous Unit for advice.
  - c. A university's admission centre number. See *Guide 101 – Direct entry to university*
  - d. References from work, school or community
  - e. A copy of a recent résumé
  - f. Copies of awards or certificates
  - g. Portfolio of work or samples (if applicable)
2. Universities usually advertise their alternative entry programs on their website. Read the information carefully and contact the university or the Indigenous Unit for more information before applying.
3. Some universities require you to submit a personal statement with your application. This is your opportunity to explain your motivation for choosing to study. It's also a good idea to write about your journey to higher education as well as your achievements and career aspirations.
4. Alternative entry programs may require additional documentation to be submitted with your application. Check the application forms and other requirements and scan those documents, save them to a hard drive or USB and have them ready to upload online if required.
5. If you're required to apply via your university admissions centre, follow the steps in *Guide 101 – Direct entry to university*.
6. Many alternative entry schemes will require you to attend an interview. Research your chosen degree to discuss in your interview. You may also want to discuss your future career aspirations and how this relates to your chosen degree program.
7. If you need to travel a significant distance to attend your interview, Centrelink may be able to cover the cost of your travel. Contact your Indigenous Unit and Centrelink for more information.