

## Information for Applications for a hardship case or applications for disadvantage compensation

### General information

In both cases, all the circumstances set out must be substantiated by relevant evidence, otherwise the request will not be taken into account in the decision.

A **detailed, personal description of the situation** must be uploaded online within the application period, together with the **relevant supporting documents** (e.g. current medical certificates, severely handicapped pass, school report).

The application must be presented so that **an outside person can clearly understand the arguments** on the basis of the documents.

In order to avoid abuses and unjustified preferences, strict requirements must be placed on the evidence to be provided.

### Application for a hardship case

Not every impairment, however hard it may be, justifies admission as a hardship case. There must therefore be a special exceptional situation for which you are not responsible. The application can therefore only be considered for a few persons.

You must have such serious health, social or family reasons that it cannot be expected to wait even one semester for admission, even if particularly strict standards are applied. This regulation applies, for example, to a **physical disability, illness** with a tendency towards aggravation, the **abandonment of the previous profession** for health reasons, **special family or social circumstances**.

**Financial circumstances** that require the immediate commencement of studies or illness or need of care of a parent or other relative **do not justify** an application for a hardship case.

### Application for disadvantage compensation

This application can be made if there are social or family circumstances which have delayed the acquisition of the Higher Education Entrance Qualification and you can present less waiting time.

If you were not responsible for the reasons yourself, an earlier time of acquisition of the Higher Education Entrance Qualification can be taken as a basis for the selection after the waiting period.

This regulation covers, for example, longer absence from school due to illness, a **severe disability** of at least 50%.

Please include a detailed personal description of the situation.

Proof of the reason for the application is not sufficient for recognition of the application alone. Therefore, you must additionally prove that the acquisition of the Higher Education Entrance Qualification has been delayed due to the burdening circumstance. You can provide this proof by means of a **certificate from your school** stating the reason for and duration of the delay in acquiring the higher education entrance qualification as well as other evidence suitable for proving the reason for the delay.