

Applying for Elite Athlete Status



UQ is endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) as an Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU), which means that UQ supports the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Guiding Principles for Implementation of the National Network of Elite Athlete Friendly Universities. This is captured in the Programs and Assessment for Elite Athletes [Policy](#).

For athletes to access the support identified within the guiding principles outlined above, they must be identified and recognised, or be a member of one of the following organisations as an 'elite athlete'.

- [Australian Institute of Sport](#)
- State Institutes or Academies of Sport
- [AFL Players' Association](#)
- [Australian Cricketers' Association](#)
- [Rugby Union Players' Association](#)
- [Rugby League Professionals' Association](#)
- [Australian Professional Footballers' Association](#)
- [Australian Basketballers Association](#)
- National squad members from [Australian Sports Commission funded sports](#)

To request Elite Athlete Status you will need to have supporting documentation in the form of a letter (PDF) from one of the above organisations verifying your status. Supporting documentation letters will need to **include the team you are selected in** and relevant **competition and training dates for the semester**.

If you're a student who falls outside the standard definition of elite athlete as set out in section 2 of the [Policy](#), you may still apply in writing for consideration to the Academic Registrar, together with supporting documentation to studentadmin@uq.edu.au.

Supporting documentation can be accepted from the following:

- National Sporting Organisations (SSO/NSO)
- National Coaches or managers

Supporting documentation must be in PDF with appropriate SSO/NSO letterhead and must detail evidence of training/sporting commitments for the relevant semester.

How to apply:

To apply for elite athlete status send your request to the Academic Registrar at studentadmin@uq.edu.au

This email must include:

- Student number
- Sport
- Semester in which you are applying
- Attached supporting documentation – PDF, selected team & competition dates



See below for an example of the email:

My name is [insert student name] and my UQ student number is [insert student number]. I would like to be considered for Elite Athlete Status in my chosen sport of [insert sport] for Semester [1 or 2-please select], [insert year]. Please find attached a letter from [insert sporting body/coach/manager] confirming my selection and training and competition commitments in my sport of [insert sport].

*Thank you for your support with my application.
Kind regards,*

[Student name]

The Academic Registrar will review applications and notify you whether the application has been approved or otherwise. UQ's appointed EAFU liaison will act as a representative from the ASC to investigate, verify and make a recommendation to the University if required.

Approval for elite athlete status is only valid for the current semester and students are required to re-apply for consideration for each subsequent semester of study.

Approved elite athlete status will be visible on SI-net as a Positive Service Indicator with the acronym EAC (Elite Athlete Consideration) for the relevant semester.

You will be notified of approval by letter, which you will be required to produce to the School or Faculty when seeking reasonable adjustments.

To see more detail about the nature of these reasonable adjustments and the full policy please click [here](#).

For more information or should you need additional support please contact the Elite Athlete Program team at the UQ Academy:

E: sportscholarship@uqsport.com.au

P: 07 3346 6243 or 07 3443 2439

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