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Disability Inclusive Development Fact Sheet

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that people with disability are included in, and equally benefit from, Australia's development assistance. The objective of Australia's work in disability inclusive development is to improve the quality of life of people living with disability through:

- enhancing participation and empowerment of people with disability as contributors, leaders and decision makers in community, government and the private sector.
- reducing poverty among people with disability.
- improving equality for people with disability in all areas of public life, including service provision, education and employment.

The Australian Government works with partners, people with disability and their representative organisations to achieve this, recognising the vital role of people with disability in effective disability inclusive development.

Disability inclusion and Australia Awards

Australia Awards provide opportunities for the next generation of global leaders, including those with disability, to study in Australia. Australia Awards proactively encourages, selects and supports people with disability to complete Masters-level Scholarships aligned with the priority sectors.

Principles and procedures for disability support

Additional support is provided to people living with disability at all stages of the Scholarship cycle. Applicants with a disability are encouraged to notify the Australia Awards office as early as possible, preferably when applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship.

Early and full notification of a disability will not negatively affect the assessment of an applicant's eligibility and will enable Australia Awards to provide appropriate support throughout the application and placement process (including any support that may be required in meeting eligibility requirements).

Reasonable adjustments will be provided to allow scholars with disability to participate in their Scholarship on an equal basis with all other scholars. Each scholar's support requirements will be different and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Australian universities have an obligation to provide students with disability reasonable adjustments to support their academic endeavours, such as additional training and/or access to assistive technology. Australia Awards will provide 'non-academic' reasonable adjustments to ensure that scholars with disability are adequately mobilised and supported and have a positive experience in Australia.

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