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Dear Principal,

Following a recent review of the Universities Equity Scheme (UES) and the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Scheme (ULLMS), SATAC and its member institutions recommended no change to the objectives or eligibility criteria of either scheme, with the exception of a modification to the criteria for schools to be eligible for equity adjustment factors under the UES.

To provide certainty for students and minimise the potential disruption to schools which experience a fluctuating equity eligibility status, the adoption of a '3-year previous equity' model was recommended and approved.

The new model requires that any given school must be ineligible for school-based equity adjustment factors in three consecutive years before it is removed from the list of schools receiving school-based adjustment factors in the next consecutive year. It is designed to prevent schools fluctuating in and out of the scheme.

Any school deemed ineligible for equity adjustment factors for two consecutive years will be advised that they will receive 'conditional equity' for the third year. If the school is still ineligible for equity adjustment factors in the third year it will drop out of the scheme. This model gives the school stability in the scheme and provides certainty for students.

SATAC will undertake this assessment in July of each year and contact all schools whose assessed status changes from eligible to ineligible to:

- Advise them of this outcome;
- Confirm their deemed eligibility; and
- Provide advance notice of their anticipated changed status in two years' time if their assessed eligibility does not change during that time.

For the commencement of this model schools who were eligible for equity adjustment factors in 2018, but not in 2019, will be granted conditional equity (Not equity*) in August 2020, assuming the school does not become eligible by meeting the eligibility criteria (August 2020 list).

For the August 2021 List, assuming any school is not eligible by meeting the eligibility criteria, it will be granted conditional equity (Not Equity **) for a second time. From this time schools who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be advised they will be ineligible for equity adjustment factors the following year (August 2022 list).

For example:

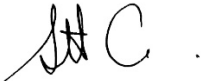
2017	2018	2019	August 2020 List
<i>Not used for initial implementation</i>	Equity	Not Equity	Not Equity*

2018	2019	2020	August 2021 List
Equity	Not Equity	Not Equity*	Not Equity**

2019	2020	2021	August 2022 List
Not Equity	Not Equity*	Not Equity**	Not Equity

To ensure that the most recent and accurate data is used to generate the eligible schools list, SATAC will publish those eligible in the July of the current Undergraduate admissions year.

Sincerely,



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