Disadvantages may include geographical isolation, serious medical problems, and the need for ongoing support to maintain employment. These students may be enrolled in special schools, support classes in regular schools or in regular classes.

Transition Pathways for School Leavers with a disability:

There are a diverse number of Pathways that students with a disability can consider when planning their life after school. These pathways include:

- **Transition to Work**
- **Apprenticeship and Traineeship**
- **School Leaver**
- **Australian Disability Enterprises**
- **Apprenticeship and Traineeship**
- **Vocational Education and Training**
- **Community Participation**
- **Volunteer work**
- **Disability Employment Network**

**APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP**

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) Assistance

The DAAWS program provides additional assistance to eligible employers who employ a Certificate II or higher level Australian Apprentice with a disability. Assistance may include a wage support payment, tutorial, interpreter and mentor services. [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

**Workplace Modifications**

The Workplace Modifications Scheme covers the cost involved in modifying the workplace or purchasing special or adaptive equipment for eligible employees with disability. [http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/JMOC/Workplace_modifications/](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/JMOC/Workplace_modifications/)

**VOCA TIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

TAFE Teacher/Consultants (TC)

TAFE NSW employs specialist Teacher/Consultants for students with disabilities to provide information and assistance for students with a disability in TAFE NSW courses. Teacher/Consultants offer a range of supports including pre-course counselling and assistance with the enrolment process, as well as determining the most appropriate classroom support and assessment modifications. [www.tafensw.edu.au/students/support/disabilities.htm](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/students/support/disabilities.htm)

**ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

NSW Adult and Community Education (ACE) provides education and training opportunities for all adults, regardless of their background. ACE providers provide training to communities that are geographically isolated, as well as those groups that are socially isolated or have traditionally been under-represented in education and training. [http://www.bace.nsw.gov.au/index.asp](http://www.bace.nsw.gov.au/index.asp)

**UNIVERSITY**

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

If you believe you have been educationally or financially disadvantaged during your school years you may apply under the Educational Access Scheme. [www.uac.edu.au/pdf/disability_contacts.pdf](http://www.uac.edu.au/pdf/disability_contacts.pdf)

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Provide information and assistance for students with a disability in TAFE. [www.tafensw.edu.au/students/support/disabilities.htm](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/students/support/disabilities.htm)

**Employment**

Job Capacity Assessments

A Job Capacity Assessment is a single, comprehensive assessment of a person’s capacity to work. The assessment identifies any barriers to work and any interventions that may be needed to help them overcome these barriers. If the job seeker has a medical condition or disability, the assessment also identifies their work capacity and assist to identify services that can help the job seeker maximise their ability to work.

To find out more, contact the Job Capacity Assessment Hotline on freecall 1300 156 526.

**Work Experience**

Work experience can assist you to learn valuable skills and, at the same time, demonstrate what you can do. The Australian Government, through the Work Experience Placement Program, will meet the cost of work related insurance (personal accident and public liability insurance) for eligible job seekers.

**Australian Disability Enterprises**

Australian Disability Enterprises (formerly Business Services) are commercial enterprises whose workforce is predominantly people with disability. These services provide employment assistance to people with moderate to severe disability who need substantial ongoing support to maintain their employment.

**Disability Employment Network**

The Disability Employment Network services assist people with disability to find and maintain a job in the open labour market. The Disability Employment Network can also help employers to access financial help for employing people with disability.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) provide a range of interventions, combining vocational rehabilitation with employment assistance. VRS assists people who have an injury, disability or health condition to work independently in the open labour market.

**Job Network**

Job Network is a national network of organisations dedicated to finding jobs for unemployed people and providing employment services tailored to the needs of individuals.

Who to contact:

For further information about Job Capacity Assessment or information about employment services for people with a disability, call Centwlink on 13 27 17, the JobAccess Advisers on 1800 464 800 for free, confidential advice or the website [http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/jobhome](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/jobhome)

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