

Disabled Students' Allowance for Student Finance England, Wales and Northern Ireland



Find out if you are eligible to apply for [Disabled Students' Allowances](#) (DSA) by visiting your relevant funding body's website (for example Student Finance England).

To apply you will need diagnostic evidence of a specific learning difficulty, impairment, health condition or disability. For a specific learning difficulty, you will need to provide a full diagnostic assessment report.

For long term health, physical or sensory conditions students may request a medical professional to complete a [Medical Evidence Form](#) available from your funding body, or they can provide a letter or report.

Your funding body will inform you of your eligibility or if they require any further information or evidence from you.

The letter/email confirming you are eligible for DSA will include information about how to book a needs assessment. The needs assessment can be face to face or remote.

At the needs assessment your study support recommendations will be discussed.

After this assessment, your Needs Assessor will produce a report with recommendations for your funding body to approve. You will be sent a copy of this.

After receiving this report, you need to wait for a letter from your funding body.

Your funding body will send you an award letter/email confirming the approved support, contact details of suppliers and instructions to set up support. This letter is sometimes called a 'DSA2'.

Follow the instructions on your award letter/email to contact the suppliers and set up support. If you have not already, contact your college/university to understand how they are also able to support you, such as exam access arrangements.