

Disabled Students Allowance

Students living in England who are accessing higher education can apply for a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if they have a:-

- Disability
- Long-term health condition
- Mental health condition
- Specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia.
- The amount of support received through the DSA depends on individual needs rather than on income. The DSA is paid in addition to other sources of student finance, and does not have to be repaid.

The DSA can help with numerous costs, such as:-

- Specialist equipment (e.g. computer software)
- Non-medical support, such as a note-taker or a reader
- Additional travel costs incurred due to a disability
- Other costs related to a disability, such as photocopying.
- Information on the application and assessment process for DSA, as well as the timescales for applications, is detailed in the Student Finance England guide.

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How much you get depends on your individual needs - not your household income.

Needs Assessment

When it is confirmed that you are eligible for DSA, Student Finance, England, will ask you to contact an assessment centre to work out what help you need.

Further details of the DSA can be found on the Government's DSA webpages.