

## Disabled Students' Allowance for Student Finance England

Find out if you qualify

Find out if you are eligible to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/eligibility>

Application and diagnostic evidence

To apply you will need relevant diagnostic evidence of a specific learning difficulty, health condition or disability. For a specific learning difficulty, you will need to provide a full diagnostic assessment report. For long term health conditions students may request a medical professional to complete a Medical Evidence Form available on: [https://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/2021/ft/sfe\\_dsa\\_disability\\_evidence\\_form\\_2021\\_o.pdf](https://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/2021/ft/sfe_dsa_disability_evidence_form_2021_o.pdf)

Application outcome

Funding body (SFE) will inform you of your eligibility or if they require any further information or evidence from you.

Book and attend Needs Assessment

When you have a letter confirming you are eligible for DSA, you will be asked to book a needs assessment. You can find a needs assessment centre using this link: <https://www.dsa-qag.org.uk/students/find-assessment-centre>  
At the needs assessment your study support recommendations will be discussed.

Received your Needs Assessment Report

After your needs assessment your 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.

Receive your DSA Award letter

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

Set up your support

Follow the instructions on your award letter to contact the suppliers and set up support. If you have any questions, you can contact DSA Response Line on 01 325 215 194 or **Disability and Dyslexia Advisory Service at University of Bolton Manchester:** [disabilityandinclusion@bolton.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:disabilityandinclusion@bolton.manchester.ac.uk)