

Disabled Students Allowances

In order to access support at Higher Education, a student will need to show an assessment report post 16 years from either a Psychologist registered with the Health Care Practitioner Council HCPC, or a specialist dyslexia teacher with an SpLD Diploma in Further/Higher Education and an assessment Practising Certificate.

Dyslexic students in Higher Education, who have been assessed as dyslexic, can apply to their funder (e.g. Student Finance England, NHS Student Grants Unit) for a DSA. Part time students and post-graduate students are now eligible for this allowance.

The DSA is available for courses lasting at least 1 year at Higher Education registered with Student Finance England where the student is eligible for Student Finance. If you are not eligible for Student Finance, you cannot apply for the DSA. However your university should provide appropriate support.

British Dyslexia Association have quoted the following, should you require more information please see the links below:

‘Education and University.

For Higher Education, a few universities may fund or part-fund assessments, but this is not normally offered. We advise you to contact the Disability Advisor at the University for further advice. Students aiming to attend university should ensure that they have an assessment report post 16 years from either an [HCPC registered Psychologist](#) or a Specialist Dyslexia Teacher with a current Practice Certificate for assessing students at H.E.’

Contact the British Psychological Society for more information. The application form should be accompanied by a diagnostic assessment report from one of the above assessors.’

British Dyslexia Association -

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexic/getting-an-assessment-for-dyslexia>

<https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/what-youll-get>