

Disabled Students Allowance



OVERVIEW

DSA is government funding (via Student Finance) for UK students in higher education



WHAT IS THE STUDENT DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

DSA is UK government funding that helps cover the extra costs disabled students face in higher education due to a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty like dyslexia or ADHD

PURPOSE

To remove barriers and level the playing field so disabled students can access, engage in, and succeed in their course.



HOW TO APPLY (ENGLAND)

Apply for Student Finance

- Fill in a DSA application form (online or by post)
- Submit medical evidence or an educational psychologist report for SpLDs
- Attend a Study Needs Assessment - they recommend the support and tools you'll need
- DSA team approves and arranges suppliers to deliver your support
- It is available for both undergrad and postgrad students, including part-time and distance learners, as long as the course lasts at least a year

DSA CAN PAY FOR THINGS LIKE

- Specialist equipment (e.g. software or ergonomic chairs)
- One-to-one support (e.g. study skills tutors or mental health mentors)
- Travel costs (if you can't use public transport)
- General study-related expenses

ELIGIBILITY

You must be:

- UK student on a higher education course (degree, HND, foundation year, etc.)
- Have a diagnosed disability, including:
 - Autism
 - ADHD
 - Dyslexia, dyspraxia
 - Mental health condition
 - Long-term health condition
- Be eligible for Student Finance (tuition or maintenance loan)

You don't need to be on PIP or any benefits to qualify

GET IN TOUCH

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USEFUL LINK

[WWW.GOV.UK/DISABLED-STUDENTS-ALLOWANCE-DSA](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa)

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