

# Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) Evidence

Under the Equality Act, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a student's ability to perform normal day-to-day activities. These disabilities include the list below but are not limited to.

**More information about eligibility can be found on the following website:**

[www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/eligibility](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/eligibility)

When applying for DSA you will be required to provide evidence of your condition:

- Hearing / Visual Impairment
- Mobility Problems
- Chronic Illness
- Autism & Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, OCD
- Mental Health Difficulties
- Other Unseen Disabilities (for example, Epilepsy)
- Long Term Health Condition



A Disability Evidence Form (DE) can be downloaded from the above website or Andrea Shelton, the HE Disabilities Coordinator, can provide one.

- Dyslexia and Other Specific Learning Difficulties



An Educational Psychologists (EP) report can be booked by Andrea Shelton, the HE Disabilities Coordinator.

**PLEASE NOTE AN EHCP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE**

**You must also:**

- Be on an undergraduate program and qualify for student finance from Student Finance England\*\*
- Be studying on a course that lasts at least a year

**Students in receipt of DSA are offered extended library loans by the college.**

\*\*Students from Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland should contact either Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland or Student Finance Scotland for advice about eligibility terms

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