

# What do I need to do to get Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)?

Here is a summary of the steps involved in applying for and receiving DSA.

## Step 1

Complete and return this DSA application form with evidence of your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty.

## Step 2

We will assess your application and send you a letter to let you know if you qualify for DSA or not.

## Step 3

We will ask you to attend a Needs Assessment to identify any specialist equipment and other support that you may need for your course.

## Step 4

If you are eligible for DSA, you attend your Study Needs Assessment and receive a report which identifies any specialist equipment and other support you may need.

### Step 5

We will send you a letter to tell you whether any specialist equipment and other support that has been recommended in your Needs Assessment Report can be paid for from DSA. We will also provide instructions for ordering equipment or arranging other support.

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# Where can I find more information about Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)?

Visit www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

You can also find more information in the guide:

• '2024/25 DSA students - Bridging the gap: A guide to the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) in Higher Education'.

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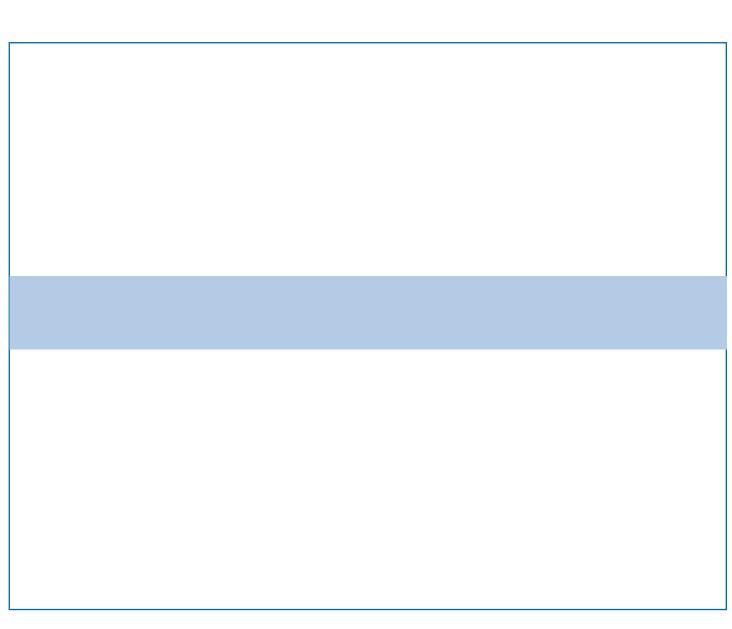
• 0141 243 3686

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# How can I contact you?

- Visit <u>www.studentfinanceni.co.uk</u>
- Contact our Customer Support Office on 0300 100 0077

# Section 1 - personal details



# Section 3 - DSA information and evidence

# Your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty

Please give full details and provide evidence of your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty.

You can also download and complete the Disability Evidence Form from www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

# Physical disability/mental health condition [e]

You should provide a written medical statement from a doctor or appropriately qualified specialist, confirming the nature of your disability or mental health condition.

# Specific learning difficulty (for example, dyslexia) [e]

You should provide a diagnostic report, written in accordance with the 2005 Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) Working Group Guidelines, from either:

- A Practitioner Psychologist; or
- A suitably qualified specialist teacher, holding a SpLD Assessment Practicing Certificate.

It is your responsibility to pay any costs to obtain the required evidence

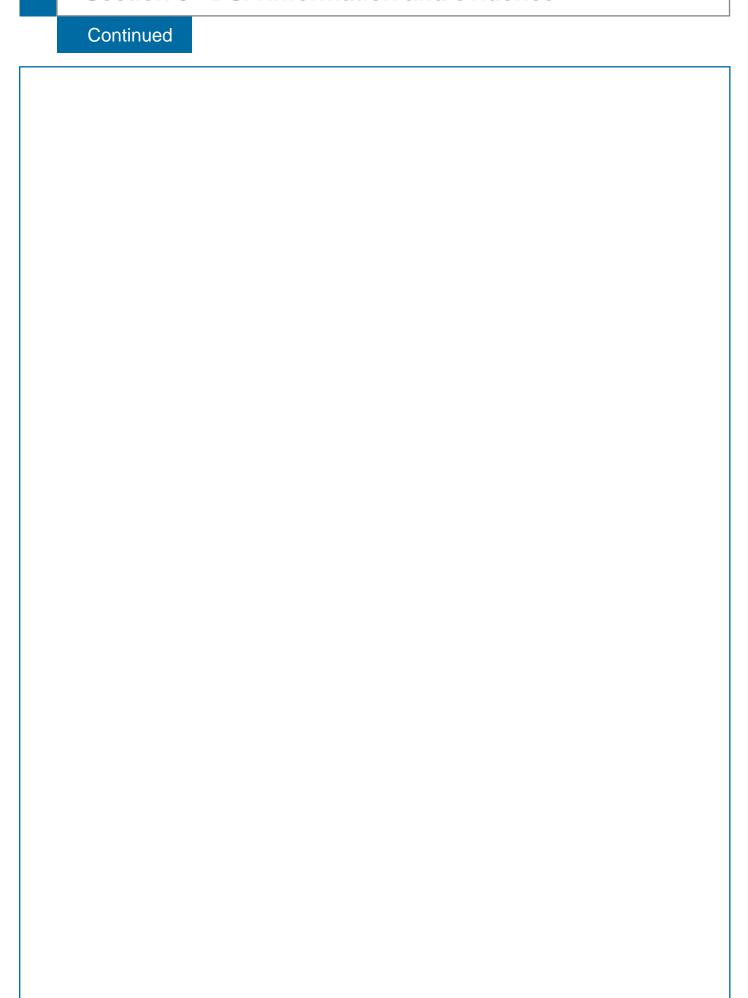
On what date was your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty last assessed?

Day	Month	Year	

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# **Section 3 - DSA information and evidence**



# Section 4 - your consent

Your consent to DSA arrangements

arrangements. If you do not give consent it may delay any payments you receive.		

Please tick the boxes below if you consent to the following DSA

# **Declaration**

To find out how we'll use the information you provide go to **www.studentfinanceni.co.uk/privacy-notice** to read our Privacy Notice before signing this form.

Alternatively, you can request a copy by writing to the Student Loans Company Ltd (SLC) at 10 Clyde Place, Glasgow, G5 8DF or by calling our Customer Support Office.

• I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided is true and complete. If it's not I understand I may not receive financial support, any support I have had may be withdrawn and I could be prosecuted.

Your full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)				
Your signature X	Today's date  Day Month Year			

# Additional notes If you are providing extra information below please clearly mark what section and question number the information is about.

Before returning this form, please make sure you have done the following:  Signed and dated the declaration.		
Please remember to pay the correct postage.		

Checklist