

THE DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES (DSAs)


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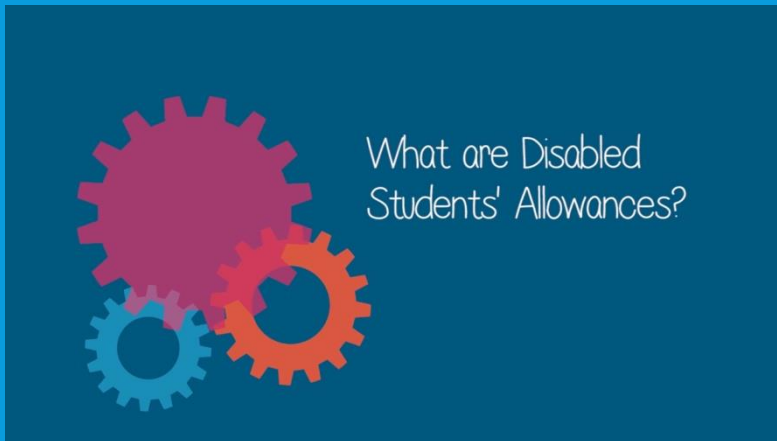
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The DSAs are government grants available to students in Higher Education to help with extra costs incurred while studying.

As a student, you may be eligible for additional funding through the DSAs...



<http://www.iona-kase.co.uk/disability-funding-for-students/>

MEDICAL CONDITIONS ELIGIBILITY?

Autism

Hearing Impairment

Visual Impairment

Mental Health Condition

Mobility

Specific Learning Difficulties

Other medical condition

Your disability may not be included in the above...

DSA FUNDED SUPPORT

Support could include:

- Specialist Tutor Support
- Specialist Mentor Support
- Hardware and Software
- Other specialist equipment and learning support
- Travel Allowance

IMPORTANT POINTS

APPLY NOW

- The application process can take up to 14 weeks
- You do not have to wait for A-Level results or have a confirmed university place/choice before applying
- The DSA is government funding to provide support for any student with a condition that affects or hinders their ability to study

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- It is not a loan and does not affect any other finance you might be applying for while at University
- It is available to all full-time students (and most part-time students) with almost any disability, specific learning difficulty, medical or mental health condition that might need support
- EU students and students in receipt of bursaries and other academic funding will not normally be eligible, but may be in some instances

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APPLY NOW

Concerns raised by parents and pupils:

- Specific learning difficulties (dyslexia, dyspraxia) Post-16 is no longer a requirement; tests must meet with SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) requirements: <https://www.sasc.org.uk/>
- Change of GP when moving away from home
- Sensitive data; sending to HEPs, SFE, Support Staff (Tutor/Mentor)
- Student choice as Client

The entire process is completely confidential between you, the assessor and assessment centre staff. Our privacy and data protection policy can be viewed on the Iona website, www.iona-kase.co.uk.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1-2-1 HELP

Contact Iona
for application
help

- Advice on what form & evidence you need
- Phone, text, Skype or book a 1-2-1 in person
- Phone (8.00am – until late)
- Appointments 7 days a week + evenings

Send to SFE

- Send a completed application with evidence
- Iona can send this on your behalf

SFE confirm
your
eligibility

- DSA1 letter/email will be sent to you

Contact Iona &
book a needs
assessment

- Phone (8.00am to until late)
- Appointments 7 days per week + evenings
- Someone will help and speak to you personally

NEEDS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

What is a Needs Assessment?

1. Funding letter (DSA1)
2. Evidence of your medical condition or SpLDs
3. Pre-assessment Questionnaire (PAF)

Our normal appointment waiting time is 3-4 days, simply to allow for paperwork to be collated and organised

Same day appointments if all documents available

(Do not send original documents & always keep a copy)

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND BOOK A PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENT

Check your eligibility; book a preliminary appointment with us today

- Provide us with your contact details and we'll get in touch.
- As soon as you have your DSA1 Letter we can confirm your appointment immediately

SCHOOLS' PAGE-YOUR FEEDBACK?

- What would be helpful?
- Open Source and apps – free software?
- Workshops: assistive software training
- Access to Webinars?
- Parent, pupil, teaching staff days/half days/evenings?
- SpLD Screening?
- Specialist Advisors (Autistic conditions, speech & language, MH)

HELPFUL LINKS

Our Website - <http://www.iona-kase.co.uk/>

Student Finance Page on Gov.uk -
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

DSA on Gov.uk - <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

DSA QAG - <http://www.dsa-qag.org.uk/>

ANY QUESTIONS?



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