

Disabled Students' Allowance

Academic year
2025/26

Find out if you might be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA), what you could receive, how it works and how to apply.



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Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) is support to cover the study-related costs you have because of a mental health condition, long-term illness or any other disability.

Eligibility

You can apply for DSA if you have a disability or condition that affects your ability to study, such as a:

- learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or ADHD
- mental health condition, such as anxiety or depression
- physical disability, such as if you're partially sighted or have to use crutches
- long-term health condition, such as cancer, chronic heart disease, or HIV

What's available

You could get up to **£27,783***. The actual amount you will receive does not depend on household income, but on your individual needs. This is a grant, not a loan, so it won't need to be repaid.

How to apply

If you are applying for student finance you can use your account to apply for DSA. It can take up to 14 weeks, so apply as soon as you can. You will need to submit evidence to support your application. You will then attend a Study Needs Assessment that will be arranged for you, this is where your specific package of support will be determined.

*This is the maximum grant available for academic year 2025/26.

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