



What is the Disabled Students Allowance?



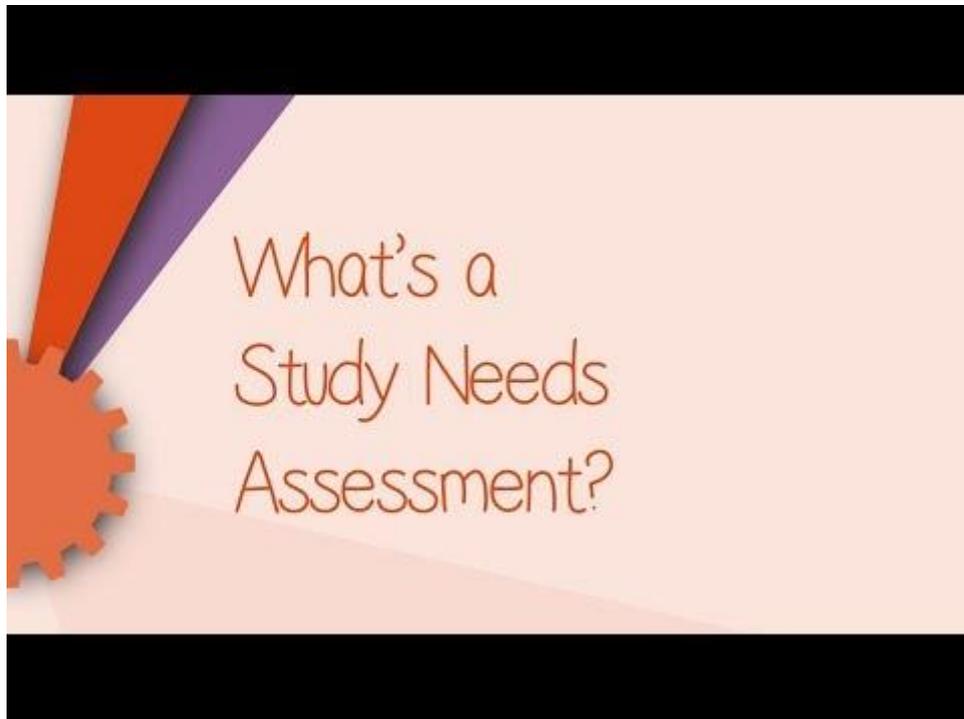
What does DSA cover?

You may claim the **DSA** in addition to your student finance loans and grants to **cover** any extra study-related costs you incur due to an impairment, mental health condition, or learning difficulty. It is neither a benefit nor a loan, **so it doesn't need repaying**

For example, DSAs can help pay for:

- Specialist equipment
- Non-medical helper support, such as one to one study tuition or specialist mentoring
- Extra travel costs
- The cost of extra photocopying or printing

What is a DSA Study Needs Assessment?



An assessment is your chance to talk through difficulties you have, with an experienced and qualified assessor. They will explain what support is available, talk through how it can help and what has helped other students. You will be able to try out different software packages and other equipment that may help.

We aren't medical...

Your assessor isn't a medical professional and won't make any judgements. They are simply there to talk about what will help and make recommendations to Student Finance about what you need, to ensure you are able to work to the best of your abilities.

How long does it take?

Generally, we ask that you allow up to 2 hours but it's usually an hour and a half. There is no time limit though, it is more important that your questions are answered and you have the right support.

When should I apply?

As the whole process can take almost 14 weeks from your application to receiving support, you should apply for DSAs as soon as possible, don't wait until you start studying.

How do I apply?



- Finding and filling out forms is not always easy, so if you're stuck, call or email us and we can help talk you through the process.

Do I need to pay for anything?

No, the cost of your assessment is covered through DSA and you can even claim back the travel costs to the centre once your DSA has been approved by sending Student Finance the receipts!

And finally...

We are here to help, so if you want to know more about any of the above, just give us a call or send an email:



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