



Applying to Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)


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DSA is additional funding available to disabled students through the **Student Loans Company (SLC)**.

25%
You must be ordinarily resident in the UK and studying at least 25% intensity to be considered for DSA.


In addition, you will be required to complete an application form and provide **suitable evidence**.



Disability and Inclusion can support the completion of your application form via a face to face or telephone appointment.


SLC will review your application within 10 working days and inform you via letter of the outcome.

If successful, you will be asked to book a Needs Assessment. Please refer to your Eligibility letter for further information or use the [DSA Hub](#).

If unsuccessful, SLC will provide details as to which criteria(s) have not been met. Disability and Inclusion can support in providing information and guidance on meeting these criteria.


SLC will review recommendations within your NAR, and confirm what they will agree to fund via a **DSA2 letter**.



Your NAR will be sent to the SLC within 10 working days of you confirming you are happy with the content and recommendations within the report.


The Needs Assessment Centre will create a report (NAR) based on your study needs.

You will receive a copy of your **DSA2 letter** via email, and a copy will be provided to the University of Chester as long as you have consented to share this information.


Disability and Inclusion can support you with any funding body queries, as long as you have provided consent for us to do so in your application form.


Once Disability and Inclusion receive a copy of your **DSA2 letter**, we will make a referral for any Non-medical helper support recommended.


You will need to order any specialist equipment agreed, as well as book your assistive technology training by following the instructions provided within your **DSA2 letter**.

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