



Applying for a University course?

Do you know about Disabled Students' Allowance (DSAs)?

DSA can cover some of the additional essential costs you may have as a direct result of your disability, long-term health condition, specific learning difficulty or mental-health condition.

Such as:

- Study skills mentor
- Equipment to record lectures/tutorials
- A non-medical helper – to help with the social side of University

Apply early!

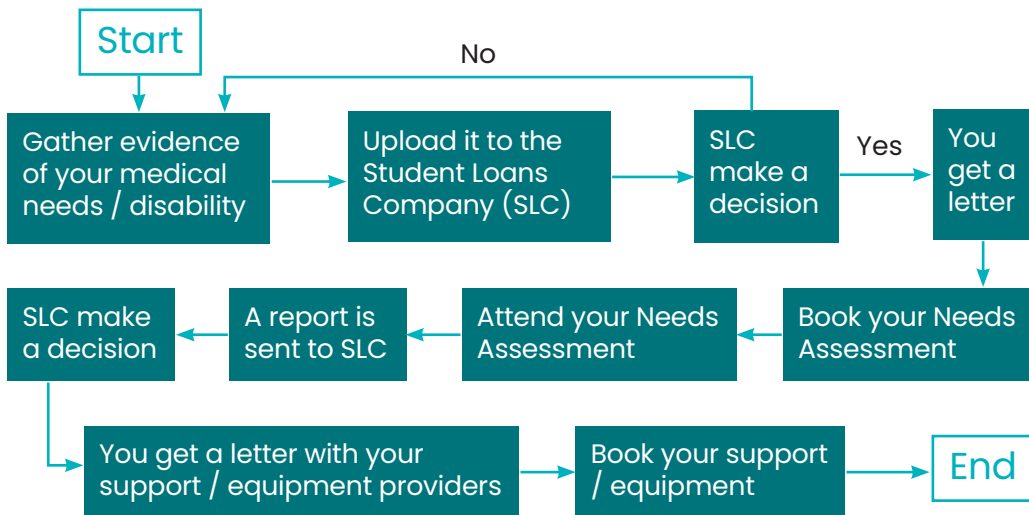
Apply for DSAs early as the process can take 14 weeks.

You should apply for Disabled Students Allowances (DSA) when you apply for grants/loans.

You must be applying for or enrolled to a higher education course, (e.g. foundation degree/degree/HNC/ etc.) and must have evidence of a disability/qualifying medical condition.

If you're planning to take an eligible healthcare course or social work course, you should apply for your DSA through the NHS.

Understanding the application process



After your application

If Student Finance England agree to pay the DSA they will send you a letter with details of how to book your Needs Assessment.

You need to ring and book this assessment. It is likely to be at the local Access Centre, but there are a few other local assessment centres. After the Needs Assessment they will send your report to Student Finance.

Student Finance England will write to you and advise you who can provide the support that you need, so that you can contact them to arrange for your support to be put in place.

Useful contacts

Phone / email for advice:

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