

Apprenticeships for Young People with Dyslexia

Support with Functional Skills and Key Skills

This is a summary of a more detailed factsheet available [here](#).

If you have dyslexia, support is available for:

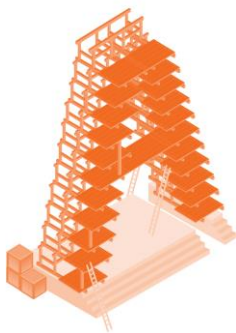
- Functional Skills qualifications in English or maths.
- If you did not finish an Apprenticeship because you failed a Key Skills qualification in Communication or Application of Number.

What support is available?

- Your exam centre will suggest which Access Arrangements might suit you. They have a legal duty to provide the assistive technology you need.
- The Access Arrangements you can use depend on the problems your dyslexia causes, as well as rules set by the regulator (Ofqual) and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

The main access arrangements are:

- **Extra time** if you work very slowly.
- **Rest breaks** if you have difficulty concentrating or find exams very stressful.
- **Human readers** if you struggle to read by yourself. These are not allowed in Functional Skills English reading papers.
- **Reading aloud** if you have reading difficulties and can concentrate better if you can hear yourself read.
- **Scribes** if you cannot write by yourself. These are not allowed in English writing papers for Functional Skills.
- **Word processors** for typing answers. You can also use a spell checker and a dictionary.
- **Prompters** if you lose concentration easily.
- **Oral Language Modifiers** if you who have problems with comprehension and use a Modifier as a normal way of working in class.
- **Coloured overlays** or question papers printed on coloured paper.



- **Assistive technology**, which you might find helpful both in class and when taking assessments:
 - **Text-to-speech**: having a computer read aloud text shown on the screen.
 - **Voice recognition**: converts your voice to text on the screen.
 - **Changing screen colours or fonts** or focusing on certain areas of the screen.

More information about assistive technology is available at <http://www.jisctechdis.ac.uk/>

- Check well beforehand that you can use your assistive software. Ask your exam centre if you can try it out with a practice assessment. The exam centre should contact the awarding organisation if there is a problem.

What should you do if you think you haven't received the Access Arrangements to which you are entitled?

- Speak to your exam centre.
- You can appeal to the exam centre if it hasn't provided an Access Arrangement.
- If the awarding organisation hasn't agreed an exam centre's request, you can ask the centre to appeal for you.

What if you didn't finish your Apprenticeship because you failed a Key Skills qualification?

- You can take a new English or maths qualification to finish your Apprenticeship, as long as you have completed all the other parts.
- It doesn't matter how long ago you were on your Apprenticeship.
- Speak to your previous training provider or your local college.

For a full fact sheet, please follow this link:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/partners/policy/equalityanddiversity.aspx>