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/](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: