

ACCESSING SUPPORT (REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

<p>What evidence do I need to provide to show I have a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) such as dyslexia?</p>	<p>Diagnostic assessment reports/evidence of Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs) are considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Your assessment report must provide clear evidence of, and the rationale for, the identification of a specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia -see SpLD Working Group 2005 DfES Guidelines p.5-6) which meets the definition of disability in Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The evidence should “relate to the agreed definitions of the relevant SpLD and to the related diagnostic criteria” (SpLD Working Group 2005/DfES Guidelines p.23).</p> <p>A Joint Council for Qualifications Form 8 Application of Access Arrangements is NOT SUFFICIENT to show that you have a Specific Learning Difficulty.</p> <p>Please note that arrangements that were in place at a previous institution will NOT necessarily be made at UoB.</p> <p>You must provide:</p> <p>Either</p> <p>A full diagnostic assessment report completed in accordance with SASC guidelines https://sasc.org.uk/ , signed by a Chartered Educational Psychologist who holds a current Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) certificate (or equivalent for assessments carried out overseas).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A full diagnostic assessment report, which meets SASC guidelines, https://sasc.org.uk/ completed by a Specialist Teacher Assessor holding a current assessment practising certificate (APC).</p> <p>For further information on suitable tests, download Revised Test Guidelines 2021 from: https://sasc.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?id=101</p> <p>If you have dyspraxia, which has been identified by a medical professional, you will need to provide documentation confirming the diagnosis and identifying how your SpLD is likely to impact on your performance (in the education setting) on a day to day basis.</p>
<p>What if I do not have the required evidence?</p>	<p>You are responsible for obtaining your full diagnostic assessment and meeting the cost. We would advise you to have the assessment before you come to University.</p>

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<p>What reasonable adjustments might I get as a result of providing the required evidence?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% extra time in examinations and possibly the use of a computer. Candidates for A100/A101 (Medicine) should note that extra time is only permissible in non-clinical exams. • Lecture outlines/reading materials 24 hours before taught sessions. • Use of a recording device in lectures.
<p>What about the Disabled Students' Allowances?</p>	<p>Home students can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra disability-related costs they may have whilst studying at University.</p> <p>If you are applying for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs), your funding body (e.g. Student Finance England) will also need evidence to decide if you are eligible for funding.</p> <p>N.B. The evidence required by your funding body may not match what the University needs in order to make recommendations for reasonable adjustments.</p>