

Disabled Students' Support and Assessment What you need to know.



Disabled Student Support is offered to students who have Specific Learning Difficulties (for e.g. dyslexia). You are only eligible for this support if you have obtained a full psychological assessment since your 16th birthday.

If you have been advised to obtain a new psychological assessment for Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. dyslexia) you will have to use a service outside of the College. If you have had a diagnostic assessment before, you may want to contact the person who assessed you and see if they can update your assessment, or carry out a new one. You will need a full psychological assessment which complies with the 2005 SpLD Working Party Guidelines. This can help you to access support on your course, such as exam arrangements and 1-1 study skills tuition.

Below are the details of some SpLD assessment providers who can carry out full psychological assessments for dyslexia / specific learning difficulties. Please contact these organisations directly for information about prices and services. Mattersey Hall is not able to recommend any particular individual or organization, and cannot take any responsibility for the services they provide.

Dyslexia Action www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk 0113 242 9626 leeds@dyslexiaaction.org.uk	Dyslexia Solutions www.dyslexiasolutionsltd.co.uk 07963 948 780 enquiries@dyslexiasolutionsltd.co.uk
Educational Guidance Service www.egs.org.uk 01422 372 222 info@egs.org.uk	Yorkshire Dyslexia www.yorkshiredyslexia.co.uk 07515 434 837/ 07580 756 891 info@yorkshiredyslexia.co.uk
If you are enquiring with any other providers , you will need to check that their assessments and reports comply with the 2005 SpLD Working Party Guidelines .	

Action:

Step 1

Before your learning/educational needs can be assessed you are required to have a **Psychological Assessment** which complies with the working party guidelines of the 2005 Spld. In order to qualify for support from the DSA this assessment must be taken/acquired post 16. (The assessment alone is sufficient enough to implement arrangements for extra time for exams and essays.) You will need to pay for this Assessment.

Step 2

Once you have had your Psychological Assessment (which is the Medical Evidence the DSA/Student Finance require) you **send a copy of your assessment with a completed DSA claim form** (which can be found on the website) **to the DSA**.

Step 3

Once the DSA have received your assessment they will be in touch with you, and if appropriate will recommend you **book an 'Assessment of Need'** appointment at any Assessment Centre. You will need to take a copy of your 'Psychological Assessment' with you. You will not need to pay for this Assessment.

Step 4

After you have had your appointment your Assessor will sit down with you to talk about the appropriate support for your needs. The Assessment centre will send a letter and a copy of your report to the DSA (Student Finance) making suitable recommendations and agree the support. You should also receive a copy of your report.

Step 5

Once the DSA have received the report they will inform you of the support which is available to you. You can then action this (purchasing the proper equipment) and then submit a claim form to the DSA who will subsequently invoice you.