

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)

This covers some of the extra costs you have because of a long-term illness, disability or mental health problems.

DSA's do not need to be repaid. How much you get depends on your needs and is not means-tested. See <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas> for more details.

This can help pay for:

- Specific equipment e.g. computer (you will have to pay for the first £200 towards a new computer), specialist seating, specialist software
- Non-medical helper e.g. note taker
- Extra travel due to disability
- Other disability-related costs of studying

Once eligibility is confirmed Student Finance England (see links for if you are in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland) may ask you to contact an assessment centre to do a 'needs assessment'.

If you need more information please contact the disability advisor at your university or college.

For more information on student finance in your area and DSAs please see:

Wales

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/undergraduate-students/new-students/what-financial-support-is-available/disabled-students-allowances.aspx>

Scotland

http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms_and_guides/dsa.htm

Northern Ireland

<https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/type-s-of-finance/undergraduate/full-time/northern-ireland-student/extra-help/disabled-students-allowances/what-are-they/>