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DSA
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Disabled Student's Allowance Application Form (DSA)

Cais am Lwfans i Fyfyrwyr Anabl (DSA)

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We welcome applications in Welsh. If you would prefer to apply in Welsh, a Welsh version of this form is available. Applying in Welsh will not delay your application.

What do I need to do to get Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)?

Here is a summary of the steps involved in applying for and receiving DSA.

1. Apply for DSA

Fill out all sections in this form and send it back with all the evidence we've asked for. The sooner we receive your form and evidence - the quicker we'll be able to tell you if you could get DSA.

Make sure you sign and date the declaration.

2. Find out exactly what equipment and support you need

If you're able to get DSA, you may need to have a study needs assessment. This'll make sure you get the right support to help you complete your course. If you need to have an assessment, we'll send you a letter to tell you how to do this.

If you have a study needs assessment, we'll get a report letting us know of the equipment and support you'll need. It will also let us know how much it'll cost and who can provide it. You'll receive a copy of this report. We'll look at the recommendations and make our final decision.

3. Get your equipment and support

We'll send you a DSA entitlement letter to tell you what equipment and other support you'll get DSA for. The letter will also tell you how to get your support. Don't buy equipment or arrange support before you get this letter. We won't be able to refund these costs back to you.

Where can I find more information about Disabled Students' Allowance?

Visit our website at **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk**

Braille, large print or audio forms and guides

You can order forms and guides in Braille, large print or audio by emailing with your name, address, customer reference number along with what form and format you require to:

- **brailleandlargefonts@slc.co.uk**

or you can telephone us on

- **0141 243 3686**

Please note, the above email address and telephone number can only deal with requests for alternative formats of forms and guides.

How can I contact you?

- Visit our website at **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk**
- Contact the Student Finance Wales Contact Centre on **0300 200 4050**.

Instructions

- Whenever you see this icon you must provide evidence to support your application.

Section 1 - personal details

Customer Reference Number ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Forename(s)

Surname

Sex ☐ **Male** ☐ **Female**

Date of birth **Day** ☐☐ **Month** ☐☐ **Year** ☐☐☐☐

Section 2 - other financial support

Bursaries and awards

In academic year 2025/26 will you be eligible to apply for:

- a Department of Health or NHS bursary (excluding the social work bursary paid by Social Care Wales); or
- a Scottish Government Health Directorate Bursary (Scottish Healthcare Allowance); or
- a healthcare bursary from the Department of Health (Northern Ireland)?

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

! If 'Yes', you will not qualify for DSA from Student Finance Wales.

Please do not continue with this application.

You should contact the provider of your bursary for advice on any extra support you may be entitled to because of a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition, specific learning difficulty or autism spectrum disorder.

Section 3 - DSA information and evidence

Your disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition, specific learning difficulty or autism spectrum disorder

! You are defined as having a disability under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse affect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

a Please give full details and provide evidence of your disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition, specific learning difficulty or autism spectrum disorder.

Disability, long-term health condition or mental health condition e

For each disability or health condition you have, send us a written statement or letter from a doctor or appropriate qualified medical professional which confirms the long term effects your disability or health condition has on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities including education.

Specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) e

For each specific learning difficulty (SpLD) you have, send us a diagnostic report written in accordance with the 2005 SpLD Working Group Guidelines from one of the following:

- A practitioner psychologist
- A suitably qualified specialist teacher holding a SpLD Assessment Practicing Certificate

Autism spectrum disorder e

Send us one of the following:

- A Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) from a Local Authority
- An Educational Health Care Plan
- An Individual Development Plan
- A written statement or letter from a doctor or appropriate qualified medical professional which confirms the long term effects your disorder has on your ability to carry out day to day activities including education

It is your responsibility to pay any costs to obtain the required evidence.

Section 3 - DSA information and evidence

Continued

b Is this your first application for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)?

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

if 'Yes' **go to section 4**

If 'No', please provide details of each previous DSA funding application you have made.

Date of application Day Month Year	Funding authority applied to e
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e You must provide evidence showing the result of each previous DSA funding application and any DSA Needs Assessment Report you received from the funding authority.

If you cannot provide the evidence requested, please provide full details of the funding you received in the box below.

We may contact the relevant funding authorities for further information.

Section 4 - your consent

Your consent to DSA arrangements

Please tick the boxes below if you consent to the following DSA arrangements. This will allow us to make sure you get the help you need by exchanging information with the disability service at your university or college and your DSA supplier(s). We'll also be able to make payments for you. If you do not give consent, you will need to contact these people and make payments directly, and it may take longer to get your support in place.

☐ I agree that Student Finance Wales and the disability advisor at my university or college may exchange information about my DSA application where this is necessary to make sure I get the help I need.

☐ I agree that Student Finance Wales and my DSA supplier(s) may exchange information about my DSA application where this is necessary to make sure I get the help I need.

☐ I agree that Student Finance Wales can directly pay the needs assessment centre and suppliers of equipment and support.

You have the right to withdraw your consent to us processing your personal information in relation to this application form. To withdraw your consent, please contact us.

Section 5 - your bank or building society account

UK bank/building society account details

Where possible we will pay suppliers of your equipment or support services directly. However, please complete the section below so that we can pay you if we need to. You do not need to provide these details if you have already given them to us.

The account must be in your own name and be able to accept direct credits.

Sort code ☐☐ - ☐☐ - ☐☐

Account number ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Building society roll number (if applicable) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Declaration

To find out how we'll use the information you provide go to **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/privacynotice** to read our Privacy Notice before signing this form.

Alternatively, you can request a copy by writing to the Student Loans Company (SLC) at 10 Clyde Place, Glasgow, G5 8DF or by calling the Student Finance Wales Contact Centre.

- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given on this form is true and complete. If it is not, I understand that I may not receive financial support, any support I have had may be withdrawn and I could be prosecuted.
- I understand that the terms which apply in relation to this application for DSA are also contained within the main declaration which I have signed.

Your full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Your signature

X

Today's date

Day Month Year

Additional notes

If you are providing extra information below please clearly mark what section and question number the information is about.

Checklist

Before returning this form, please make sure you have done the following:

- ☐ Signed and dated the declaration.
- ☐ Got **copies** of all the evidence requested to support your application.
- ☐ Kept your original evidence.
- ! All evidence will be securely destroyed once processed.

Once you have completed this form and you have all of your evidence, choose from the following options on how to return these to us:

Option 1

Uploading the form and evidence using your device

1 – Save this form to your device

2 – Go to your online account **www.studentfinancewales.co.uk**

3 – Click on the 'manage your student finance' section, then choose 'upload supporting evidence'

Option 2

Emailing your form and evidence

You can also return your completed form and evidence to the DSA team by email at **SFW_DSA_Team@slc.co.uk**

Make sure these are included as attachments.

Option 3

Printing off and posting this form and evidence

Please return it to:
Student Finance Wales
PO Box 211
Llandudno Junction
LL30 9FU

Please remember to pay the correct postage.