Step by Step guide to applying for DSA

**Identify your funding body**

**NHS - Applicable to:**
Those who qualify for an NHS funded bursary (some Social Work Courses)

**Research Councils**
Those studying on a Research Council funded studentship should speak to Disability and Neurodiversity team.

**SFE – (Student Finance England) Applicable to:**
- Students on a course that lasts at least a year
- Seconded NHS students receiving a salary
- Students who have lived in England over 3 years

**Fill out the application form**

**NHS DSA form**
(Online only) – For NHS funded bursary students

**SFE DSA Slim form**
For full time, undergraduates who have applied for a tuition fee loan or maintenance loan

**SFE DSA 1 Form**
For part time students, postgraduates, or those not applying for a tuition fee loan or maintenance loan. Please send the completed form and evidence to D&N and we can complete Section 5 and send your application to DSA on your behalf.

You should hear back from your funding body within three weeks. This will confirm if you are eligible for DSA and, if so, let you know that you can go ahead and book a study needs assessment.

**You can book a Needs Assessment Appointment with West London Assessment Centre.**
Phone: +44 (0)1895 266704 Email: assessmentcentre@brunel.ac.uk
Assessments are currently being done online.
Alternatively, you can find a Needs Assessment Centre [here](#).

At your Needs Assessment, you will discuss support that may benefit you. You will then receive a Needs Assessment Report within 10 working days. This will be sent to your funding body for final approval. You will then receive a DSA 2 Entitlement letter.

Entitlement Letter DSA 2 - make sure you check it has all the support agreed at your Needs Assessment.

Arrange any non-medical support with the Disability and Neurodiversity team if they are your named supplier.

Order equipment

Contact D&N if you need help.