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2015/16

Application for
Disabled
Students'
Allowances



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Who should complete this form?

Any student who has a disability, including a long term health condition, mental health condition or a specific learning difficulty, which affects their ability to study and wants to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) only.

If you want to apply for other student finance as well as DSAs, you should complete a student finance application and a DSA Slim application form, both are available to download from www.gov.uk/studentfinance

How to get Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) in 3 easy steps



Apply for DSAs

Complete all sections in this form, and return it with all the evidence we need. The sooner we receive your completed form with all evidence the quicker we'll be able to tell you if you could get DSAs.

Make sure you sign and date the declaration at the end of this form.



Find out exactly what equipment and support you need

If you are eligible for DSAs you may need to attend a Study Needs Assessment to make sure you get the right specialist equipment and/or services to help you complete your course. If you need to attend a Study Needs Assessment we'll send you a letter to tell you how to do this.

If you do need to attend a Study Needs Assessment the Assessment Centre will send us a report. This will recommend equipment and other support you may need, how much it will cost and who can provide it. You will also receive a copy of this report. We will review their recommendations and make our final decision.

This process can take some time – make sure you book your Study Needs Assessment as soon as you get our letter so that you can get all the necessary equipment and support before your course starts.



Get your equipment and support

We'll send you a DSA entitlement letter to tell you what equipment and other support you will receive DSAs for. The letter will also provide instructions on how to arrange delivery of your equipment and/or arrange other support. Don't buy or arrange equipment or support before you receive your DSA entitlement letter because we won't be able to reimburse you for these costs.

- Please refer to the 'Notes to help you complete your Application for Disabled Students' Allowances 2015/16' each time you see this **n**.
- Whenever you see **e** you must provide **photocopied** evidence to support your application. Information about the evidence required can be found in the evidence tables in the notes and will be marked with **e**.

You can order forms and guides in Braille. For more information on how to do this please refer to the notes.



Section 1 **Personal details**

If you have applied for student finance before, please provide your Customer Reference Number

Personal details

a Title

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms

Forename(s)

Surname

Sex

☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of birth

 / /

Please complete these questions with the details exactly as stated on your birth certificate or passport.

Place of birth (the name of the town or village)

Nationality

Identity evidence details

b1 Do you hold a UK passport?

☐ Yes ☐ No If 'No' go to b3

b2 Provide the following details from your **UK passport**, which must be **currently valid and not expired** (this is the easiest way for you to verify your identity and means you **do not need to send us your passport**).
If your passport is not valid or has expired go to b3

Passport number

Forename(s)

Surname

Date of issue

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Date of expiry **n**

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b3 Send your **non-UK passport** or **Biometric Residence Permit**; **e**
or

Send your original **UK birth or adoption certificate** and a completed Birth/Adoption Certificate form. **e**

Section 1 **Personal details**

Previous loans

- c** Have you ever had any other loans from the Student Loans Company (SLC)?

If 'Yes', are you behind with the repayments? **n**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to d

☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact details

- d** Please give your current home address. If you know it, please also give your term-time correspondence address. **n**

Home address

Postcode

Term-time address

Postcode

Home phone number

Date you will move to this address

Mobile phone number

Email address



Section 2 Other financial support

Bursaries and awards

If you are an **undergraduate student** in academic year 2015/16 will you be eligible to apply for?

a1 A Department of Health or NHS Bursary (excluding the Social Work Bursary paid by the NHS Business Services Authority)

☐ Yes ☐ No

a2 A bursary from Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)

☐ Yes ☐ No

a3 A Healthcare Bursary from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are a **postgraduate student** in academic year 2015/16 will you be eligible to apply for?

b1 A Department of Health, NHS, SAAS or other healthcare bursary

☐ Yes ☐ No

b2 A Research Council bursary

☐ Yes ☐ No

b3 An NHS Business Services Authority bursary for students studying an approved postgraduate social work course that includes extra support because of your disability

☐ Yes ☐ No

b4 A bursary from your college or university that includes extra support because of your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty (do not count any payment you get from your university or college's hardship fund).

☐ Yes ☐ No

! If you have answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions in this section 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.

c Do you currently receive any financial help towards travel costs? e.g. mobility component of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes' please provide full details including amounts

Type of financial help

Amount

Section 3 Residence

Nationality

a1 Are you a UK national? **n e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes' go to b1

a2 Are you an EU national? **e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

a3 Are you the child of a Swiss national? **e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to a5

a4 Will your Swiss national parent be living in the UK on the first day of the academic year? **n e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes' go to b2

Residence status

a5 Are you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent; or
 - child, son or daughter-in-law, child's civil partner
- a European Economic Area (EEA) national or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK? **n e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to a6

If 'Yes', please give details below.

You should also give details of your previous studies.

If you are currently working, are you going to continue working during your studies?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes', please give details. **e**

go to b2

a6 Do you have 'settled status' in the UK? **n e**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to a7

If 'Yes', give the date you received this status.



Section 3 Residence

a7 Have you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

been granted 'refugee status' by the UK Government? **n e**

If 'Yes', and if applicable, please give the following:

Home Office reference number

Date this status is due to expire

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to a8

/ / go to b2

a8 Have you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

been granted Humanitarian Protection. **n e**

If 'Yes', and if applicable, please give the following:

Home Office reference number

Date this status is due to expire

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to b2

/ / go to b2

! If you answered 'No' to questions a1 to a8 you are not eligible for student finance from Student Finance England.

b1 In the three years prior to the start of the first academic year of your course, **did you live outside the UK and Islands** at any time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to b3

Section 3 Residence

- b2** Give details of your residence for the three years before the first academic year of your course. **n**

Full address

From / /

To / /

Why were you there?

Full address

From / /

To / /

Why were you there?

If you require further space to provide your answer, please give the details requested above on the Additional notes section at the back of this form.

- b3** At any time since 1 September 2012 has:

- either of your parents, step-parents, guardians; or
- your husband, wife, civil partner

lived or worked outside the UK and Islands or, in the case of an EU, EEA or Swiss national, outside the EEA or Switzerland?

If 'Yes', please give details.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Full address

From / /

To / /

Why were they there?

Section 4 About your course and university or college

In this section, please give details of your first choice university or college and course.

University or college details

- a** University or college name and address

Postcode

Course details

- b** Course name **n**
If you are following a combined studies or modular course, list all subjects being studied.

Qualification you expect to gain (for example BSc Physics)

Course start date

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Course end date

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Course length (years) **n**

Year of course

Foundation year

Third year

First year

Fourth year

Second year

Other (give details)

If the course is franchised to another university or college, give the address of the other university or college.

Postcode



Remember to sign and date the declaration on page 18

Section 5 Your university or college

Please ask your university or college to complete this section.

If you do not want to tell your university or college about your disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty, please read section 5 notes for further instructions and then go to section 6. **n**

To be completed by the student's university or college.

Instructions for university or college

Complete this section for all students, **unless** they are on a full-time undergraduate course **and** are applying for other finance.

Complete the SLC or UCAS university or college code.

Tick the box that applies to the student.

Complete the university or college declaration.

SLC or UCAS university or college code

Part-time undergraduate students

☐ tick if applicable

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- the student named in section 1 is studying or applying for the course named in section 4;
- the student started their course **before 1 September 2012** and plans to complete the course at an average rate of study of at least **50%** of that needed to complete the course, or
- the student started their course **on or after 1 September 2012** and plans to complete the course at an average rate of study of at least **25%** of that needed to complete the course, or an equivalent course, on a full-time basis; and
- the student's rate of study is % of the equivalent full-time course.

Full-time undergraduate students, (who are not applying for other finance) and full-time undergraduate distance learning students.

☐ tick if applicable

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- the student named in section 1 is studying or applying for the course named in section 4; and
- the student named in section 1 plans to complete the course on a full-time basis either attending their course or by distance learning methods.



Section 5 Your university or college

Part-time postgraduate students

☐ tick if applicable

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- the student named in section 1 is studying or applying for a part-time postgraduate course; and
- the student started their course **before 1 September 2012** which will not take more than twice as long to complete as an equivalent full-time course; or
- the student started their course **on or after the 1 September 2012** which will not take more than four times as long to complete as an equivalent full-time course.

Postgraduate students

☐ tick if applicable

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- the student named in section 1 is studying or applying for the course named in section 4;
- this course has usual entry qualification of a first degree or higher; and
- the student will not receive an award from their institution (not including any payment from the institution's hardship fund) to meet the extra course-related costs they have to pay because of their disability.

University or college declaration

Your full name
(in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Your signature

Position

Your phone number
(including area code)

Your email address

Date

X									
		/			/				
University or College stamp									

Section 6 Your disability

DSAs information and evidence

- a** Give full details and provide evidence of your disability which includes a long term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty. You must meet the definition of a disability under the Equality Act 2010. **n e**

- b** On what date was your disability, including a long term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty last assessed? **n**

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- c** Do you currently own a laptop or desktop computer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' go to d

If you answered 'Yes' complete the details below. You should give us details for the laptop or desktop computer you intend to use for your course.

Make of laptop or desktop computer
(for example - Toshiba)

Model
(for example - Satellite Pro)

Approximate age of laptop or
desktop computer



Section 6 Your disability

d Consent to DSAs arrangements



Please tick the boxes below to give consent to the following DSAs arrangements. If you do not give consent it may delay any support you need.

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I agree that Student Finance England, the disability adviser at my university or college, and my DSAs Needs Assessor may exchange information about my application for DSAs where this is necessary to make sure I get the help I need.

☐

I agree that Student Finance England, equipment suppliers, and non-medical help suppliers may exchange information about my application for DSAs where this is necessary to make sure I get the help I need.

☐

I agree that Student Finance England can pay the suppliers of equipment and support directly.

Section 7 Your UK bank or building society account details

UK bank or building society account details

Complete the section below so that if necessary we can pay you directly if we're unable to pay suppliers of your equipment or support services.

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

Sort code

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Account number

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Building society roll number (if applicable)

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Student Declaration **n**

Before signing and returning your completed form, you should read the Data Protection statement in the accompanying notes. **n**

This declaration covers all of the student finance available to students for academic year 2015/16.

You should read the specific terms and conditions about loans, Childcare Grant and Disabled Students' Allowances because they will affect you if you apply for them at any time in academic year 2015/16. If you don't apply for these in academic year 2015/16 their specific terms and conditions will not affect you.

Your application for financial support may be delayed unless you sign and date this declaration.

General Declaration

- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided is true and complete. If it is not I understand I may not receive financial support, any support I have received may be withdrawn and I could be prosecuted.
- I agree to give SLC any information they require to process my application and agree to tell them immediately if my circumstances change in any way that might affect my entitlement to financial support. I understand that if I do not do this, I may not receive any further payments, and may have to repay the financial support I have already received.
- I agree that in the event of receiving an overpayment of financial support, I am obliged to repay this in full.
- I understand that if I have provided details of my UK passport on this form, SLC will verify those details with Her Majesty's Passport Office.



Loan Contract

- a I confirm I have read and understood the guide to terms and conditions available online at **www.gov.uk/studentfinance**
- b I acknowledge and agree that any loan(s) made to me by the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, 'the lender' (which includes any persons exercising functions on behalf of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 23(4) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 as amended from time to time or successor legislation, 'the Act') will be on the terms set out in these declarations and in Regulations which are made under section 22 of the Act as amended from time to time.
- c I undertake to repay the lender any loan(s) made to me, together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply.
- d I acknowledge and agree that in the event that I have: (i) reached the age of 18 years; and (ii) have entered into one or more agreements for a loan under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (and relative secondary legislation) before I reached the age of 18 years, upon signing this declaration I am agreeing to ratify any and all such student loans. I understand that ratification of any agreement for a loan made with me before I reached the age of 18 years is a statutory precondition of my eligibility for student support after attaining the age of 18 years.
- e I agree that any loan(s) made to me as a consequence of the acceptance of my application by the lender is a contract(s) between me and the lender which binds me from the payment to me of the first loan advance and that the repayment of any such loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, will be due by me to the lender as a debt.
- f I agree that I shall be obliged to make repayment of my loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, to such address as shall be notified to me in writing and that any services in respect of my loan(s) may be provided at such address or other address(es) as the lender may from time to time determine and that the service of providing the loan is provided at the lender's principal address.
- g I agree that any action for repayment and/or in respect of or in connection with my loan(s) and/or all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, will be brought before the ordinary civil courts and shall be governed by the general rules of civil procedure.
- h I agree that my request for a loan, the loan and the contract between me and the lender shall be governed by the law of the place of my home address as stated in this application form (or, if my address is outside the United Kingdom, English law).

- i I irrevocably agree that the courts of the part of the United Kingdom in which my home address stated in this application form is situated (or the English, Scottish and Northern Ireland courts where my address is outside the United Kingdom) shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear any action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the loan and the contract between me and the lender and I irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of those courts and waive any objection to the jurisdiction of those courts, provided that this shall not limit the lender's rights to take proceedings against me in any other court of competent jurisdiction.
- j I agree that from the date I submit this form until the date when my loan(s), together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, is fully repaid I will notify the lender of any changes in the personal details (including National Insurance Number) and contact details I have provided as required in accordance with the regulations referred to in paragraph b.
- k In the event that I leave the United Kingdom to reside outside the United Kingdom or that for any other reason I am outside the UK tax system, I undertake to inform the lender in accordance with the regulations referred to in paragraph b and I undertake to provide the lender with my new and any subsequent contact details until my loan, together with all and any interest, penalties and charges which apply, is fully repaid.
- l I agree to take all future action requested by the lender and provide the lender with all information required to ensure repayment, in accordance with the regulations referred to in paragraph b.
- m If I breach any of the terms under which any loan(s) will be made I agree that I will be obliged to pay any charges and penalties which may apply under the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 and the regulations made under that Act, as amended from time to time or successor legislation and/or regulations.
- n I understand that the Student Loans Company (SLC) will check my National Insurance Number and personal details with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). If I do not know my National Insurance Number, or if the number I provide cannot be authenticated, DWP will trace and give my number to the lender.
- o If I have broken the terms of this contract I agree that the lender may share information held about me and my account with any person, including the government or a government agency of another country, who may assist in establishing my whereabouts and/or in taking action to recover outstanding loan amounts.

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)

- I understand that any equipment I receive through DSAs must be used for my course of study and SLC is not responsible for paying any repair costs.

Childcare Grant

- I understand that if I do not take up my childcare, or if I change to a childcare provider who is not registered or approved, I will have to pay back any overpayment.
- I understand that if I do not provide the evidence of childcare costs within the timescales set, I might lose my entitlement. Also if my payments to my childcare provider are different from the estimates I provide, I understand that further payment will increase or decrease accordingly, or if no further Childcare Grant payments are due to be paid to me, I may be liable to repay any difference.
- I confirm that neither I nor my husband, wife, civil partner or cohabiting partner have chosen to receive support for childcare from the childcare element of: (i) the Working Tax Credit; (ii), the Universal Credit; (iii) Tax-Free Childcare; and/or (iv) the NHS Childcare Allowance; and I agree to tell SLC immediately if I or my husband, wife, civil partner or cohabiting partner does receive this support. I understand that SLC reserves the right to share my personal data with HMRC to check whether I am in receipt of childcare support from HMRC.

Customer Reference Number	
Your full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)	
Your signature (in ink)	Date
<input checked="" type="text"/>	/ /

Your decision about Bursary and Scholarship data sharing consent will not affect your entitlement to any other financial support available.

If you started your course in academic year 2006/07 or after you may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship. In order for your university or college to determine and pay any bursary or scholarship to which you may be entitled, we will share some of your personal, financial and course details as well as information about your eligibility for student finance with them. **n**

If you **do not** wish your details to be shared for this purpose, please tick this box. ☐



Additional notes

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

Checklist

Before you return this form please make sure that:



you've answered all the questions that apply to you

☐ Tick



your university or college has completed section 5
(if this applies to you)

☐ Tick



you've **signed** and **dated** the declaration

☐ Tick



you've included all the photocopied evidence we need with this form.

☐ Tick



If you don't send all the evidence we need, your application may be delayed.



Remember, you don't need to send your UK passport as proof of your identity. You only need to **complete your UK passport details in section 1**. If you send your passport it may take several weeks before we can return it to you.



Remember to pay the correct postage.

Once you have completed this form, and signed and dated the declaration, please return it to:

Student Finance England
PO Box 210
Darlington
DL1 9HJ