



Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) are available to fund disability related course costs incurred whilst studying.

Funding provided by DSAs

DSAs provide funding towards disability related course costs such as:

- Assistive software
- Support workers
- Specialist equipment
- Travel.

DSAs are agreed according to disability related needs and are not based on household income.

Eligibility

Applications for DSAs can be made by those who have:

- Dyslexia or another Specific Learning Difficulty
- A sensory impairment
- A physical impairment
- A long-term health or mental health condition
- Autism spectrum disorders.

DSAs fund students who are studying a Higher Education course. This includes full-time courses and some part-time courses. Part-time students must complete their course in no longer than four times the amount of time it would take to complete the full-time equivalent.

DSAs are available to students who meet the nationality and residency requirements to apply for funding as a 'Home' student.

Making an application

Applications are made to the relevant funding body:

- Student Finance England
- Student Finance Wales
- Student Awards Agency for Scotland
- Student Finance Northern Ireland.

Applications for DSAs can be made once someone has applied for a course. It is not necessary to wait for a confirmed place. Applications by prospective and current students should be made as early as possible to avoid delays accessing support.

PhD and Research students who receive funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) should contact the Disability Service. Applications for DSAs must be made with a Disability Adviser in this case.

Help applying for DSAs

Prospective and current students can seek advice about DSAs from the Disability Service. A Disability Adviser can check eligibility and offer support to complete the application form.

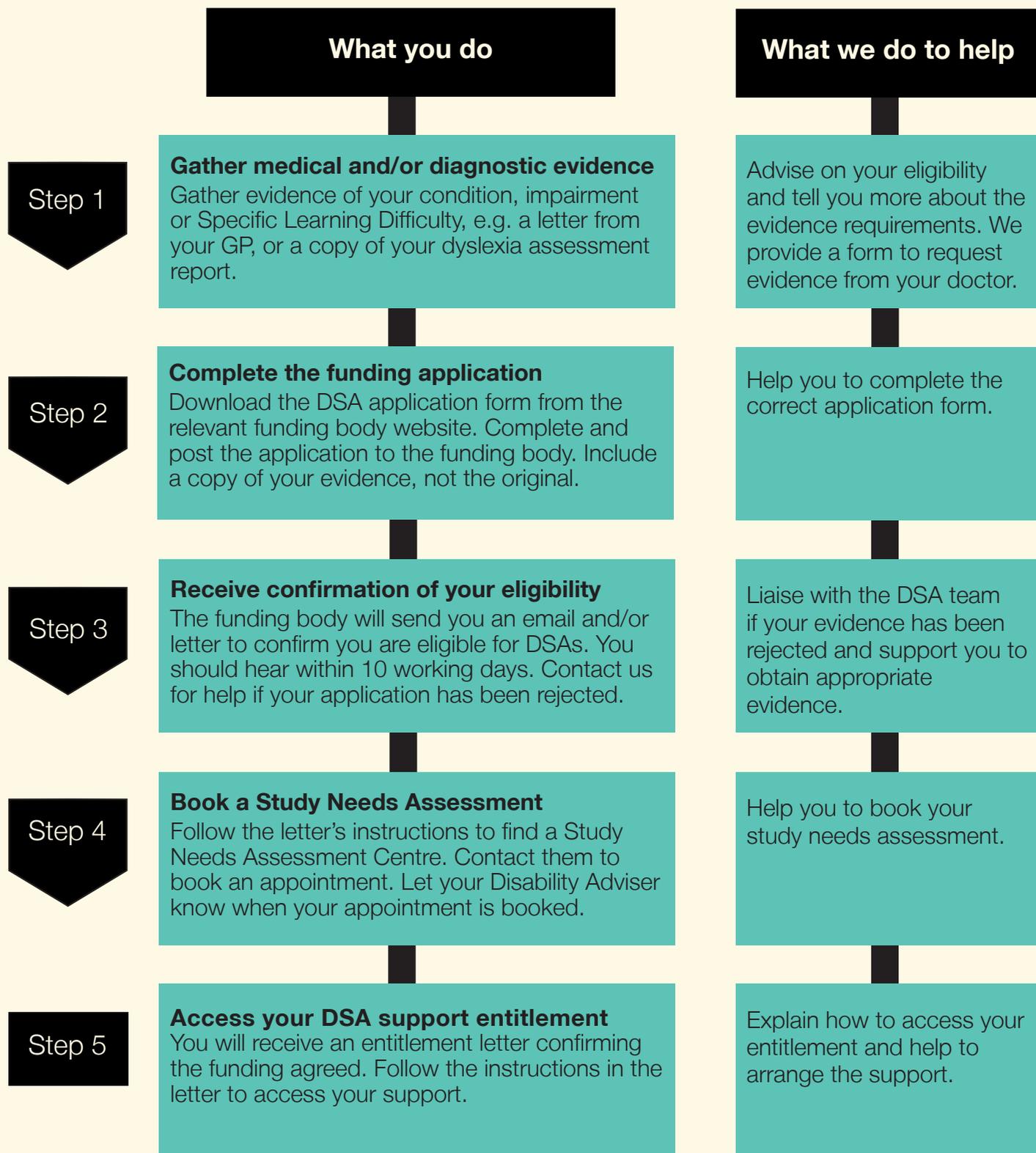
Applying for DSAs may take several weeks. The University may be able to offer some support before DSAs are agreed.

To contact the Disability Service please email disability@arts.ac.uk or call 020 7514 6156.

For more information about DSAs visit the gov.uk website.

How to apply for DSAs

Disability Advisers can support prospective and current students with each stage of the DSA application process. Contact the Disability Service to arrange an appointment with your course Disability Adviser. Email disability@arts.ac.uk or call 020 7514 6156.



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