

Disability and Neurodiversity Team (DNT) Supporting Documentation Criteria

We ask students to provide supporting documentation when they register with the Disability & Neurodiversity Team (DNT). This will give us helpful information about a student's Disability and / or Specific Learning Difference (SpLD)

1. Disabilities (includes long term health conditions e.g. mental health, autism, mobility and sensory conditions)

a) If you have a disability, who can provide supporting documentation?

Supporting documentation would usually be a letter written by a medically qualified person, such as a GP, consultant specialist (e.g., psychiatrist or psychologist), or a specialist nurse (e.g., a diabetic or psychiatric nurse). Alternatively, the student can ask a medically qualified person to complete the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) medical evidence form*

b) What does the supporting documentation need to contain?

The letter should contain a diagnosis and, if possible, how the student is affected by their condition.

c) How recently does the letter have to be written?

It should have been written within the last two years on headed paper and be signed by the clinician or the practice (electronic signature is acceptable).

2. Specific Learning Differences (SpLDs) such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD/ADD)

a) Who can provide supporting documentation?

The student will need to provide a diagnostic assessment report (either a childhood or adult report) that has been carried out by a chartered psychologist (or equivalent), an educational psychologist, or a specialist teacher holding an assessment practicing certificate or a psychiatrist.

b) What happens if I do not have my diagnostic assessment report, or I have not been formally diagnosed with an SpLD?

We cannot accept Form 8s as evidence of a SpLD. Please contact DNT to request a SpLD screening via [SID](#) or disabilities@soas.ac.uk. For more info on [SpLDs](#)

Ideally all supporting documentation (Disability or SpLD) should be written in English. If not possible, then it must be translated into English by an official translator (and signed and dated by them).

If you need to discuss your supporting documentation before you submit it, please contact DNT via [SID](#) or disabilities@soas.ac.uk

*Please note that Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) is for home fee status students only. For more info see <https://www.soas.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support/student-advice-and-wellbeing/disability-and-neurodiversity-3>

