



The Road to Higher Education

For deaf and disabled students, students with a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or other support need.

24 months to Course Start Date

Information and advice

If you want to know about support in higher education or want to find out if you can get Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs), ask your tutor or contact: Skill: The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities

www.skill.org.uk
Tel: 0800 328 5050
Email: info@skill.org.uk

24 – 18 months

Choose a course or subject and choose a university or college. Then check:

- Disability support and Learning support
- Location
- Access
- Student experience (social)
- Accommodation etc

24 – 18 months

Contact disability/learning support service at the university or college of your choice
Find out what support the university offers

12 – 10 months

Apply for place at University
Make sure you declare your disability on your UCAS application – this will help make sure support is in place as early as possible

Check Medical or Educational Psychologist reports
You'll need recent proof of disability or dyslexia to apply for Disabled Students Allowances.

12 – 6 months

You may need to organise changes in personal care or support
Check with social services whether you need a new assessment of personal care needs. Your care needs may change if you move away from home.

You may need to check local, disability specific, sales and service agents (e.g. where to service or repair equipment such as powered wheelchairs).

10 – 2 months

Once place at university or college is confirmed

- Apply for Disabled Students Allowances (to LEA).
- Specialist equipment
 - Non-medical helpers allowance
 - General allowance

10 – 2 months

As soon as your LEA has agreed eligibility for Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs), get 'assessment of needs'
This will tell you what DSAs will pay for you (you may need specialised computer equipment for example). Your university should be able to tell you where you can get this done.

Less than 2 months

Late applications – Clearing

If, for some reason, you are unable to get a place at the university or college of your choice, you may be able to get a place elsewhere through the clearing process.

You may need to consider the practicalities of late applications e.g.

- Arranging support or care
- Getting assessments in time etc

1 – 0 months

Contact Learning Support Services (again) prior to entry and at entry

- Arrangements for non-medical support
- Access induction (map showing access routes, loos etc)
- Disability Specific information

Going to university can be exciting, challenging and a bit scary.

For many people it will be the first time they have lived away from home. If you are disabled or have a specific learning difficulty or if you have other support needs you might have other questions and concerns. This roadmap is intended to provide an approximate guide to what you need to do and when to ensure any support is in place as early as possible.

More information or help can be found by contacting: Skill: The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities at www.skill.org.uk or Tel: 0800 328 5050 or email info@skill.org.uk

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