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SAAS Funding – Disabled Students’ Allowance

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is here to help you to find the right
information, support and funding



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If you have a disability or additional learning needs, you may be eligible to apply for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

This is a fund to support students who are studying a higher education course and may incur extra costs due to their impairment.

Eligibility

To be eligible for DSA, you must meet our residence criteria and be studying an eligible higher education course. Visit www.saas.gov.uk for more information and to view our full eligibility criteria.

What's available?

The funding you are eligible to receive is based on your individual needs and the course you are studying. There are 3 different elements of funding students can apply for. Some of these allowances will be paid on a pro-rata basis for part-time students.



The Basic Allowance

The Basic Allowance can be claimed on an annual basis for the duration of your studies. The allowance can include items such as:

- photocopying
- additional printing costs
- Braille or Livescribe paper

The Large Items Allowance

The Large Item Allowance can include the purchase or hire of items such as:

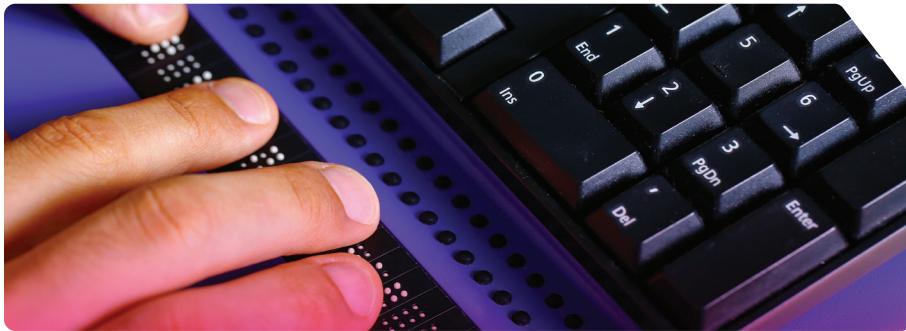
- disability-related software, such as voice recognition software
- printers/scanners
- laptops/Personal Computers (PCs)
- ergonomic equipment, such as desks or chairs

The Non-Medical Personal Help Allowance (NMPH)

NMPH can be claimed on an annual basis for the duration of your studies. The allowance can include:

- British Sign Language interpreters (BSL)
- notetakers/scribes
- proofreaders
- study skills support

More information about NMPH allowance is available in the '**Guide to non-medical personal help allowance**' – Visit www.saas.gov.uk and search for NMPH.



How to apply

It is very important to speak with Disability Services at your college or university to discuss what support you will need if you wish to apply for DSA.

They will help you with the application process, to complete and endorse the necessary forms. You can find the forms on our website by searching for DSA.

In the first year you apply for DSA, you'll be asked to provide supporting evidence to confirm your disability or learning difficulty and undertake a needs assessment.

How will DSA be paid?

DSA for purchasing equipment or consumables will normally be paid directly into your bank account.

NMPH will be paid directly to you on receipt of a claim or to your provider on receipt of an invoice.

When your application has been processed we'll send you an email to inform you of this and confirm the next steps.

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Products are available in community languages and alternative formats on request.

Helpful resources for students



Gender Based Violence (GBV support)

Information and support on sexual harassment and gender based violence.

<https://endgbv.uk/>

SAMARITANS

Samaritans

Provides advice in complete confidence to experienced advisors by calls or email.

www.samaritans.org



Breathing Space

A confidential helpline for people when they are feeling low, stressed or anxious.

www.breathingspace.scot



Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)

Supports those who experience poor mental health, homelessness, and addictions.

www.samh.org.uk

MOODJUICE Moodjuice

Provides information to students, parents and carers on self-help resources.

www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk



Provides a wide range of mental health services for everyone.

www.penumbra.org.uk

LLTTF®

www.lltff.com living life to the full

Providing online access to cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) based resources for low mood and stress.

www.lltff.com

EmilyTest

Tackling Gender Based Violence in Education

Working to improve gender based violence prevention, intervention and support in FE and HE education.

www.emilytest.co.uk

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