

Disability and Neurodiversity Team (DNT) Evidence Criteria

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

Disabilities (This includes Long Term Health Conditions / Mental Health/ ASD/ mobility/sensory)

If you have a disability who can provide evidence?

-The evidence would usually be a written letter 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). Or alternatively the student can ask a medically qualified person to complete the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) medical evidence form*

What does the evidence need to contain?

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

How recently does the letter have to be written?

It should have been written within the last 24 months, on headed paper and be signed by the clinician or the practice (electronic signature is acceptable).

Specific Learning Difference (SpLDs) such as Dyslexia/ Dyspraxia) /Attention Deficit Hyper/ Disorder (ADHD/ADD)

Who can provide evidence?

The student will need to provide a diagnostic assessment 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.

What happens if I don't have my diagnostic assessment, or I have not been formally diagnosed with an SpLD?

Please contact the DNT to request an SpLD screening via [SID](mailto:disabilities@soas.ac.uk) or disabilities@soas.ac.uk. For more info

<https://mysoas.sharepoint.com/sites/student/teams/sas/Pages/SPLDs.aspx>

Ideally all evidence (Disability or SpLD) should be written in English, or 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 evidence 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 and for more info please see <https://www.soas.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support/student-advice-and-wellbeing/disability-and-neurodiversity-3>