SpLD funding support – the Disabled Student Allowance (DSA)

You may also be entitled to apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowance link to section 7.1.7 Funding (can’t hyperlink until page Funding section has been published) which may fund further support.

The DSA is in the process of change. It is now necessary for your report to state that your dyslexia constitutes a disability under the terms of the Equality Act 2010.

Current guidance states that from the academic year 2015 onwards, you should still apply for DSA, but the needs assessor may decide, following new guidelines, that you only qualify for university-based support.

This is a big change and may affect your decision whether to be reassessed. From 2015, even if you do pay for an updated assessment there is no guarantee the DSA will provide anything extra for you.

The Disability Advisory Service can give you more information about support, reasonable adjustments, DSA application and assistive technology.