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### Abbreviation/Acronym      Meaning

DSA or DSAs	Disabled Student's Allowances
<b>SFE</b>	Student Finance England (Funding Authority)
<b>SFW</b>	Student Finance Wales (Funding Authority)
<b>Student Finance NI</b>	Student Finance Northern Ireland (Funding Authority)
<b>SAAS</b>	Student Awards Agency for Scotland (Funding Authority)
<b>NMH</b>	<b>Non-medical Help</b>
<b>PG</b>	<b>Postgraduate</b>
<b>UG</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>

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<b>DSA 1</b>	Letter sent by the funding authority informing of acceptance of application for DSA
<b>DSA 2</b>	Letter sent by the funding authority informing of approval of DSA funded support (Notification of Entitlement)
<b>EU Student</b>	Student whose home address is in a country which is within the European Union
<b>Home Student</b>	Student whose home address is in a country which is within the UK
<b>NHS Disabled Student's Allowance</b>	DSA funded support for students studying on some NHS-funded courses
<b>NAR</b>	<b>Needs Assessment Report</b>
<b>NAC</b>	<b>Needs Assessment Centre</b>
<b>LSP</b>	Learning Support Plan (specific to the University of Lincoln)

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<b>CRN</b>	<b>Customer Reference Number</b>
<b>AT</b>	<b>Assistive Technology</b>
<b>ATSP</b>	<b>Assistive Technology Service Provider</b>
<b>DSA-QAG</b>	<b>Disabled Students' Allowances Quality Assurance Group</b>

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## Additional Information about Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA)

### Links to Other Funding Authorities

**Home students need to apply to the funding authority relevant to where you live:**

#### **Students living in Scotland:**

**For information and to apply, visit Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) page.**

#### **Students living in Wales:**

**For information and to apply, visit Student Finance Wales page at <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>**

#### **Students living in Northern Ireland:**

**For information and to apply, visit the Student Finance NI Students with disabilities page**

#### **Students living offshore but within the British Isles such as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man:**

**Students should contact their local funding authority for advice as these authorities have their own individual arrangements.**

#### **For students living in Guernsey and Alderney:**

**Please visit the Guernsey Government website**

#### **For students living in Jersey:**

**Please visit the Jersey Government website**

#### **For students living in the Isle of Man:**

**Please visit the Isle of Man Government website**

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## Additional Information About Eligibility

Eligibility for DSAs also depends on other factors such as on which course you are studying:

- If you are a home student and have a diagnosis of an impairment, health condition (including a mental health condition), or Specific Learning Difference like dyslexia, you may be entitled to claim DSAs.
- If you are a postgraduate student funded by a research council. You may also find the Research Councils UK website on Disabled Students' Allowances useful. <https://esrc.ukri.org/about-us/governance-and-structure/>

For further information about medical conditions accepted please see this link: <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

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## Additional Information About Eligibility

You cannot obtain DSAs from Student Finance England if you are:

- An EU student or an International student
- Eligible for NHS Disabled Students' Allowances (this is a separate scheme) Follow this link: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students/manage-your-nhs-bursary>
- Getting equivalent support from another funding source, like from your university or a social work bursary
- A postgraduate student from Ireland
- For students who live in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales, or if you are living offshore but within the British Isles such as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, you should follow the links to your own funding authorities listed above.

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## Additional Information About Eligibility

**EU or International students are advised to contact your Disability/Wellbeing Service for advice about support.**

**University of Lincoln students who are from the EU or who are International students, you are advised to contact Student Wellbeing for advice about support. Student Wellbeing can be contacted by email [studentwellbeing@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@lincoln.ac.uk) or telephone +44 1522 886400.**

**Please follow this link to Student Services at the University of Lincoln: <https://studentservices.lincoln.ac.uk/>**

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## Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) Explained

### Useful Links for Additional Information

- [DSAs - Student Finance England](#)
- [DSAs - Student Awards Agency for Scotland](#)
- [DSAs - Student Finance NI](#)
- [DSAs - Student Finance Wales:](#)
- [Disability Rights UK Helpline](#)
- [2019/2020 SFE DSA Long Application Form](#)
- [2019/2020 SFE DSA Short Application Form](#)
- [2019/2020 SFE DSA Guidance Notes](#)
- [Assessment Centres](#)
- [Student Services](#)
- [University of Lincoln Assessment Centre \(ULAC\)](#)
- [DSA-QAG further information](#)
- [DSA -QAG](#)
- [The DSA Team at Student Finance England - dsa\\_team@slc.co.uk](#)