

# Medical Evidence Proforma

For a Disabled Students' Allowances application

To be completed by a GP or other relevant medical professional. Refer to the guidance notes overleaf for more information.

Student's name:

Date of birth:  OU Personal Identifier:

Name of disability or health condition	Date of diagnosis, if applicable	Likely effects on ability to study

Please indicate, where possible whether any/or of these conditions are permanent/long term or likely to improve

Signature of GP or medical professional

Print name:

Date:

Practice stamp:

Please use a separate sheet if you need to provide more conditions, ensuring you sign and date the additional information.

## Guidance notes

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) from the Students Award Agency in Scotland (SAAS) can provide equipment and specialist support to students who have a disability, long-term health condition, mental health difficulty or a specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia).

In order to provide this support, SAAS require evidence of a disability or health condition and its likely effect on a student's ability to study. We would be grateful if you could provide the student with this evidence by completing the form overleaf, or if more convenient, by letter.

As well as confirming the students' condition, we would be grateful if you could make comment on the likely effect of this condition on the student's ability to study, such as:

- difficulty in sitting for long periods
- difficulty writing or typing for a sustained period
- difficulty reading
- difficulty with concentration or memory
- difficulty with sight or hearing
- difficulty being outside or travelling on public transport
- difficulty in communicating with others
- difficulty in using a computer

It would also be useful to confirm the approximate date of diagnosis (where applicable) and unless obvious, whether the disability or health condition is permanent, long term or temporary and likely to improve.

**Please make sure the form is signed, dated and stamped with your practice details.**

If you choose to provide the student with a letter, please also make sure this is signed and dated and either provided on headed notepaper or stamped by your practice.

Where there is a cost for providing this information, and the student is not able to meet the cost, we may be able to provide financial assistance, please provide the student with a receipt where possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of The Open University's Student Recruitment and Support Team on 0131 226 3851 (option 2).