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The College recognises that some students need additional support with their studies. There is funding available to support with this. If you feel that this applies to you we would encourage you to look at the funding and start applying as early as you can. Details of the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview>.

The DSA can cover things like:

- Items of specialist equipment - for example computer magnification software, braille note takers.
- Non-medical helper's allowance - for example a Communication Support Worker or Specialist 1:1 Study Skills Support (SpLDs).
- General allowance - which can cover things like enlarged examination papers and course materials.

DSAs don't need to be paid back.

In order to apply you will need an initial assessment to be carried out before going to an Assessment Centre. We can provide the initial assessment, and discuss the various assessment centres with you.

Please email [disability.officer@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:disability.officer@derby-college.ac.uk) at the College to discuss this if you need the initial assessment carrying out.

We appreciate that DSA can take some time to be confirmed, so if you have declared support needs the College will do all it can to support you prior to DSA being confirmed.

### More information

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas> for more information about DSAs, including what's available and how to apply for DSA.

