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Application Process		
	Who is eligible to apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance?	<p>Any Student who is in receipt of the NHS Wales Bursary, or those that receive HEIW funding, can apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance.</p> <p>Students who have been awarded an 'EU Tuition Fees only' bursary are not eligible for DSA.</p>
	How do I apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance funding?	<p>You will need to contact your University Disability Service directly to make an application.</p> <p>They will be responsible for sending the required information to NWSSP SAS who will process the application.</p>
	Do I need to apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance each academic year?	No – once your application has been approved, payments will be made automatically each academic year until you complete your course.
	I have applied for the Disabled Students Allowance, however I can't see it listed on my confirmation letter, why is that?	<p>Your DSA will not appear on your standard NHS Wales Bursary confirmation letter, as it is a separate allowance.</p> <p>Once your DSA has been approved and processed, we will send you a separate DSA Award letter with confirmation of your allowance.</p>
Disabled Students Allowance Rates		
	Is the Disabled Students Allowance subject to means testing?	No, DSA is not means tested.
	How much NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance can I receive?	<p>There are 4 elements to DSA, each with their own rates.</p> <p>Specialist Equipment Allowance £5,214 Non-Medical Helper Allowance £20,725 General Allowance £1,741 Travel Allowance – Reasonably and necessarily incurred due to disability.</p>

	How is the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance calculated?	<p>If you are eligible to receive DSA you will be invited to attend for a Needs Assessment. The amount of funding awarded for DSA is based on the recommendations made in your Needs Assessment.</p> <p>Each NHS Wales DSA application is assessed individually based on the needs and requirements of the Student applying.</p>
	What income is taken into account when my Application is assessed?	None – The NHS Wales DSA is not Means Tested.
Payment Queries		
	When is the Disabled Students Allowance paid?	<p>When your application has been processed, we will inform your University Finance Department who will arrange payment or purchase equipment on your behalf.</p> <p>Only students studying at University of South Wales, Cardiff University and Cardiff Metropolitan University will receive a one-off payment.</p> <p>For all other Universities, Students will receive the equipment purchased by the Universities on their behalf.</p> <p>Before we can instruct the University to make a payment, the status on your online BOSS account needs to be showing as 'In Payment'. Only when your account moves into this status can we instruct your University to make a payment.</p> <p>To check the status of your application on your BOSS account, please navigate to the 'Activities' section of your 'Student Details' screen.</p> <p>For further info on what award you are entitled to, please review your DSA Award letter which will be emailed to yourself.</p>
	How is the NHS Disabled Students Allowance paid?	<p>If you are entitled to a one-off payment, your University is responsible for making payments directly to yourself.</p> <p>For further information, please contact the Finance department within your University who will be able to advise you further.</p>
	Does the amount of Disabled Students Allowance change over the year?	No – The NHS Wales DSA Bursary does not change throughout the year. You do not need to apply each academic year, as long as you are the course your DSA will continue until completion.