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# Disabled Student Allowance

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<b>Application Process</b>	
Who is eligible to apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance?	Any Student who is in receipt of the NHS Wales Bursary, can apply for the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance.
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 Student Awards Services 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 your DSA support will be in place for the duration of your course. You do not have to apply each Academic Year
I have applied for the Disabled Students Allowance, however, I can't see it listed on my NHS Bursary Online account	<p>Your DSA will not appear on your online NHS Wales Bursary notification of award as it is a separate allowance.</p> <p>Once your DSA has been approved and processed, we will email you and your university a separate DSA Award letter with confirmation of your allowance.</p>
<b>Disabled Students Allowance Rates</b>	
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 maximum allowances. Student Awards Services will assess your award based on recommendations of your need's assessor up to the maximum</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>

	<p>How is the NHS Wales Disabled Students Allowance calculated?</p>	<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>
	<p>What income is considered when my application is assessed?</p>	<p>None – The NHS Wales DSA is not Means Tested.</p>
<p><b>Payment Queries</b></p>		
	<p>When is the Disabled Students Allowance paid?</p>	<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 Aberystwyth University, University of South Wales, Cardiff University and Cardiff Metropolitan University will receive a one-off payment to purchase equipment from the nominated supplier.</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 of your Online student Bursary account needs to be showing as University accepted. Only when your account moves into this status can we instruct your university to make a payment. This ensures that the student is enrolled and accepted on the course</p> <p>For all DSA payment queries please contact your university finance department in the first instance</p> <p>All Medical and Dental students will receive a one-off payment to purchase equipment from the nominated supplier.</p>
	<p>How is the NHS Disabled Students Allowance paid?</p>	<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>

	<p>Does the amount of Disabled Students Allowance change over the year?</p>	<p>No – The NHS Wales DSA Award 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 of your course. If you take an interruption of study your support for DSA will stop and be reinstated on your return to study</p>
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