

Meeting DARE's Evidence of Disability Criteria

Please see the Guide to Providing Evidence of Your Disability below to view what documentation you are required to submit. Detailed information on the evidence of disability criteria which is used to assess your evidence of disability documentation is available on www.accesscollege.ie. If your type of disability does not appear in the list below, please go to the Providing Evidence of Your Disability section on www.accesscollege.ie or contact a member of the DARE Team for guidance.

Type of disability	Appropriate documentation	Type of professional	Required age of report
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after 1 February 2015 .
Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome).	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician.	No age limit.
Blind/ Vision Impaired.	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Ophthalmologist OR Ophthalmic Surgeon.	No age limit.
Deaf/ Hard of Hearing: Students may apply under ONE of the following categories: (A) Applicants who have an audiogram (B) Applicants who attend a School for the Deaf (C) Applicants with a Cochlear Implant.	(A) Applicants who have an audiogram: Audiogram (B) Applicants who attend a School for the Deaf: Letter confirming attendance from Principal of School for the Deaf OR Evidence of Disability Form 2018. (C) Applicants with a Cochlear Implant: Existing report confirming cochlear implant OR Evidence of Disability Form 2018 (DARE does not accept reports from high street retailers).	(A) Applicants who have an audiogram: Diagnostic/ Clinical Audiologist registered with the Irish Academy of Audiologists (IAA) or HSE Audiologist (B) School for the Deaf: Principal of School for the Deaf (C) Applicants with a Cochlear Implant: Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Consultant OR Cochlear Implant Programme Co-ordinator.	No age limit.
Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) - Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia.	Full psycho educational report AND Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Full psycho educational report from: Psychologist AND Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report from: Occupational Therapist OR Neurologist OR Physiotherapist.	No age limit on either document.

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Mental Health condition.	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist on specialist register.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after 1 February 2015.
Neurological Condition (incl. Epilepsy and Brain Injury).	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Neurologist OR Other relevant Consultant.	No age limit.
Physical Disability.	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Orthopaedic Consultant OR Other relevant Consultant appropriate to the disability/ condition.	No age limit.
Significant Ongoing Illness.	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Relevant Consultant/ Specialist appropriate to the disability/condition.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after 1 February 2015.
Speech and Language Communication Disorder.	Evidence of Disability Form 2018 OR Existing report.	Speech and Language Therapist.	No age limit.
Specific Learning Difficulty* (incl. Dyslexia & Dyscalculia).	Psychological Assessment Report	Psychologist	No age limit.

*** Applicants with a specific learning difficulty must provide literacy and numeracy attainment scores from tests carried out on or after 1 February 2016 as part of the DARE educational impact criteria. These can be from school based testing or from a psychologist.**

General Practitioner (GP) Verification

If you have an existing diagnosis but have difficulty accessing the appropriate professional to get confirmation of the existing diagnosis or an updated report, you may ask your general practitioner (GP) to complete the Section C Evidence of Disability form. Your GP may do this if they have a clear diagnosis on file from the appropriate professional listed above and this was received within the given timeframe if a time limit applies. **A copy of the document in which your diagnosis is confirmed must be included in your application when using this GP verification.** Your GP does not need to give you copies of your entire file – a single document which confirms your diagnosis and is within the time limit (if one applies) is sufficient.

Once you have provided your Evidence of Disability documentation and Educational Impact Statement your application will be assessed and the outcome of your application determined.

The outcome of your application i.e. if you are eligible or ineligible for DARE, is established by seeing whether or not you meet DARE's eligibility criteria. To find out more about the DARE criteria which applies to your disability see www.accesscollege.ie/dare.