

Disability Employment Advisers (Jobcentre Plus). DEAs can support anyone of working age (16+) who has a disability or health problem who is looking for work, is encountering difficulties finding work because of their disability or health condition, is struggling to meet their claimant commitment due to their disability or health condition, or who is employed but finding their health/disability is impacting on their ability to do their job. Customers work with DEAs on a voluntary basis and can access tailored support, assessments if required and specialist support where appropriate. Customers do not need to be claiming benefits to receive support from a DEA. Contact your local jobcentre to speak to a DEA.

<http://www.jobcentreguide.co.uk/jobcentre-plus-guide/34/disability-employment-advisors>

Access to Work - helping young people in education employment and training with SEN. Access to Work is for helping young people 16 and over get help whether they are or have started working, help to stay in work or maybe want to move into self employment or start a business. It is to help them overcome any work related barriers due to their disability e.g. adaptations/transport/access to a support worker/other support services etc.

Grant is capped at £40,800 per year. Doesn't affect any other benefits <https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/eligibility>

Higher Education and young people with SEND: The HE Disability Team assess students with SEN prior to going to university- an assessment is undertaken at a centre nearest the student's own home and a medical report is sent to the university- this is done through Student Finance England . Information on Student Finance England web site and Gov.uk site.

www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview

Information from UCAS website (MAY 2016) Talk to course providers about your needs

www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/individual-needs/students-disabilities

Here are a few things to check with the disability coordinators and advisers at any course providers you're interested in applying to.

1. Does the support available meet your individual needs?
2. How does the course provider currently support other students with a similar impairment?
3. Can anyone help with applications for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)?
4. Will you need to provide proof of your disability – if so, what is required?
5. If you find it hard to talk to the course provider, can you nominate someone else on your behalf?

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