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 |
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| Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). | Evidence of Disability Form OR Existing report. | Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician. | Must be less than three years old |
| Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome). | Evidence of Disability Form OR Existing report. | Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician. | No age limit. |
| Blind/Vision Impaired. | Evidence of Disability Form 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 (C) Applicants with a Cochlear Implant: Existing report confirming cochlear implant OR Evidence of Disability Form 2022 (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 Coordinator. | No age limit. |
| Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) – Dyspraxia. | Evidence of Disability Form OR Existing report. | Occupational Therapist OR Neurologist OR Physiotherapist OR Paediatrician. | No age limit on either document. |

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