

## What is DSA?

**Disabled Student's Allowance** or DSA, provides financial help to students studying in higher education who have:

- A diagnosed disability
- A mental health condition
- Specific learning difficulties

DSAs are paid by Student Finance England (or Wales or Scotland), the NHS or a research council.

### What does DSA pay for?

- Non-Medical Helper learning support.
- Assistive technology training.
- Specialist equipment, e.g. software

### How do I apply?

- Apply on your UCAS application, or
- Complete a DSA1 application form and send it to Student Finance

If you qualify you'll need to attend a confidential Needs Assessment where an assessor identifies which support, training and equipment will benefit you the most in your studies.

You'll then receive a letter telling you what exactly you've been awarded and how to arrange it. **EASY!**

## What is Non-Medical Help?

**NMH** is where you are assigned a Learning Support Worker or 'consultant' to help you benefit fully from your course.

Amano consultants work in these roles:

### 1-2-1 Study Skills Support

One to one support addresses issues some students might have in acquiring, recalling and retaining information in written and spoken language. It also provides support for students with memory, organisational, attention and numeracy difficulties.

### Specialist Mentors

Highly specialist and tailored, mentors help students overcome barriers to learning created by a particular impairment, e.g. mental-health conditions, or autistic spectrum disorders.

### Assistive Technology Training

Training for students in how to use their assistive technology, specialist software and hardware for learning success.

**Other NMH support types are available from Amano, such as Note Taking and Study Support, but these may not be funded by DSA.**

## Why chose Amano?

- ✓ **Tailored** = Consultants matched to your needs
- ✓ **Professional** = Consultants receive regular training to maintain skills.
- ✓ **Personalised** = Termly reviews of individual support plans make sure you get the support you need.
- ✓ **Quality** = Consultants are qualified, DBS checked and insured.
- ✓ **Local** = Devon based; we respond quickly to students across the South West.

### Want to use Amano as your NMH provider?

If you want to use us as your provider, you can:

- Keep your current consultant
- Change your consultant
- Avoid interruption to your support
- **Switching is easy, just contact us to discuss:**

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## Who We Are

**Amano Technologies** provide non-medical help learning support to students across the South West.

We call this >>>



We're based in Devon and have great links with the local Uni's and colleges.

We are DSA-QAG registered and are working towards the new quality standards.

Our aim is to provide the best quality student support and we do this by working with the best consultants.

We pride ourselves on matching our students with a consultant who is exactly right. And we always give you the choice to change if things don't, you know - 'click'.

***If you'd like to know more about Learning Support, contact us or speak to your disability advisor.***



"Amano have been there to speak to every time I had the slightest query. I'd say to any student using Amano you really have nothing to worry about and they'll make the experience as easy as they can for you. Thanks! "

- Charlie



**Amano**  
Student Support



Success begins with  
**LEARNING SUPPORT**

**Disabled Students  
Allowance & Non-  
Medical Help**