

Disability Support: Supporting Information for International Students

A guide for International students on supporting information that may be requested for some reasonable adjustments

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Why supporting information may be requested by Leeds Conservatoire?

Students who disclose a disability, neurodiversity, mental health difficulty or long-term health condition (which have lasted, or are likely to last 12 months or more) may be asked to provide supporting information (sometimes called evidence) when they request some interventional adjustment formats. Supporting information can be provided when applicants or students disclose their difficulties on the Disability section of our [Student Support Referral Form](#).

What is considered as an interventional adjustment?

Interventional adjustments often require additional organisation before being implemented, with their aim being to promote a level-playing-field for all and prevent students with disabilities being put at any disadvantage (or advantage) in comparison to their peers without disabilities/additional requirements. Although specific to each student and their requirements, some examples of interventional adjustments may include (but are not limited to):

- a percentage of extra time in timed examinations
- extensions to assignment deadlines
- a smaller room for examinations
- supervised rest breaks in timed examinations

What documentation is likely to be accepted as supporting information?

Supporting information can vary in format, with the table that follows this paragraph showing some examples provided in the past, and their suitability for the implementation of reasonable adjustments at Leeds Conservatoire. Any documents provided in languages other than English will require professional translation into English before consideration.

Supporting information that applicants and students can provide

Examples of documents regularly used as supporting information	Usual conditions or difficulties that documents are provided for
Diagnostic report from a qualified practitioner showing their Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) number	Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs); traits of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD, including ADD)
Diagnostic report without APC number	SpLDs; traits of ADHD
Recent diagnostic report from an appropriate healthcare professional	Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASCs); ADHD
Historic diagnostic report from an appropriate healthcare professional	ASCs; ADHD
Recent or historic healthcare report from an NHS/private/overseas professional	Disabilities; ASCs; ADHD; mental health difficulties; long-term health conditions
A letter from a healthcare professional showing a working diagnosis of ADHD/Autism	If on respective NHS waiting lists for: ADHD; ASCs
Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or Form 8 from school/college	Disabilities; neurodiversities; mental health difficulties; long-term health conditions
Document from school/college showing previous adjustments	Disabilities; neurodiversities; mental health difficulties; long-term health conditions
Screenshots or files from healthcare apps (e.g. NHS/GP) showing full name, diagnoses and date of birth	Disabilities; neurodiversities; mental health difficulties; long-term health conditions

Supporting information unlikely to be accepted by Leeds Conservatoire

Examples documents not accepted by Leeds Conservatoire and usually rejected by DSA
Screening Results, such as QuickScan or QuickScreen reports, as they do not confirm diagnosis
Photographs/screenshots of medication, medication boxes or prescriptions
Photographs of physical effects that declared conditions may have caused
Letters from unqualified sources, including alternative healthcare fields (e.g. reflexologists)
NHS, GP or health service app files that do not contain the name, date of birth or condition
Requests for additional information may occur if details of identity or conditions are not clear

Links to resources

Leeds Conservatoire Disability Support information page:

<https://students.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/disability>

Leeds Conservatoire Student Support Referral Form link:

<https://students.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/student-support/#referral-form>