

Disabled Student Allowance – The Consent to Share question

What is it?

When you complete your DSA1 form to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances, you will be asked to give 'consent to share'. Consent to share on a DSA1 application form allows information regarding your application for DSA to be shared between Student Finance England / the Student Loans Company, your University, your DSA Needs Assessor and suppliers of equipment.

Why should I consent to share on the DSA1?

Less hassle: By consenting to share, you don't need to liaise with each involved party directly – we'll talk to each other to arrange the support.

Faster service: By allowing information to be shared you will get the help and support you need faster.

Direct payment: Student Finance England will pay the suppliers who provide your equipment and support, directly. If you don't consent to share, you will need to pay the supplier yourself then request a reimbursement from the Student Loans Company.

How can you add consent?

You must tick the three relevant boxes on the DSA1 application form to give consent for the Student Finance England customer advisors to speak to the University, Needs Assessment Centre and or supplier.

If you do not tick the box relating to a specific area of consent, your information cannot be shared.

Just to let you know:

Access to information is 'read-only'

Consenting to share does not include the sharing of financial information or bank details