

# DARE application supports

## (Post Secondary)

There is no age limit on reports for ASD/DCD, so there is no need for additional letters or assessments.

### Guide to providing evidence of your disability

Type of disability	Appropriate documentation	Type of professional	Required age of report
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist <b>OR</b> Psychologist <b>OR</b> Neurologist <b>OR</b> Paediatrician.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after <b>1 February 2022</b> .
Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome).	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist <b>OR</b> Psychologist <b>OR</b> Neurologist <b>OR</b> Paediatrician.	No age limit.
Blind/Vision Impaired.	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Ophthalmologist <b>OR</b> Ophthalmic Surgeon.	No age limit.
<u>Deaf/Hard of Hearing:</u> 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 <b>OR</b> Evidence of Disability Form 2025. (C) Applicants with a Cochlear Implant: Existing report confirming cochlear implant <b>OR</b> Evidence of Disability Form 2025 (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) <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> Cochlear Implant Programme Co-ordinator.	No age limit.
Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) - Dyspraxia.	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Occupational Therapist <b>OR</b> Neurologist <b>OR</b> Physiotherapist <b>OR</b> Paediatrician.	No age limit on either document.
Mental Health condition.	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Consultant Psychiatrist on specialist register.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after <b>1 February 2022</b> .
Neurological Condition (including Epilepsy and Brain Injury).	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Neurologist <b>OR</b> Other relevant Consultant.	No age limit.
Physical Disability (those with significant mobility difficulties).	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Orthopaedic Consultant <b>OR</b> Other relevant Consultant appropriate to the disability/condition.	No age limit.
Significant Ongoing Illness.	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Relevant Consultant/ Specialist appropriate to the disability/condition.	Must be less than three years old i.e. dated after <b>1 February 2022</b> .
Speech and Language Communication Disorder.	Evidence of Disability Form 2025 <b>OR</b> Existing report.	Speech and Language Therapist.	No age limit.

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### **General Practitioner (GP) completing this form:**

Applicants who have an existing diagnosis but have difficulty accessing the appropriate professional to get confirmation of the existing diagnosis or an updated report may ask their general practitioner (GP) to complete the Section C Evidence of Disability form. However, the following apply:

- Your GP must have a clear diagnosis of your disability from one of the DARE appropriate specialists/consultants listed. **A copy of a document in which your diagnosis is confirmed must be included in your application when using this GP verification.**
- This document must be signed and dated by the appropriate specialist/consultant. If a time limit applies, the diagnosis or reconfirmation of diagnosis from the appropriate professional must have been made within that time limit.
- **Your GP does not need to give you a copy of your entire file – a single document which clearly names and confirms your diagnosis, is within the time limit (if one applies) AND is signed and dated by the appropriate specialist/consultant is sufficient.**

**For the purposes of DARE, only diagnoses made by a consultant/specialist are acceptable. A diagnosis made by a GP alone will not be acceptable and will lead to the applicant being made ineligible.**