

Providing evidence of your diagnosis

When submitting your diagnosis information for your DSS application the table below outlines the appropriate medical professional that can complete a diagnosis. You can provide a report from them or ask them to complete the Evidence of Disability form available on the DSS website.

The specific documentation listed below also allows MTU Cork campus to apply for funding for supports from the Fund for Students with Disabilities. (This Fund is funded by the Government of Ireland and is managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. The DSS applies for funding for supports on the student's behalf: www.studentfinance.ie)

Other forms of evidence are accepted for a DSS application so please email dssCork@mtu.ie if you have any queries.

Type of Disability	Type of Documentation	Appropriate Professional
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form	Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician
Autistic Spectrum	Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form	Consultant Psychiatrist OR Psychologist OR Neurologist OR Paediatrician
Blind/ Vision Impaired	Existing report* OR Evidence of Disability Form *Not from high street retailers.	Ophthalmologist OR Ophthalmic Surgeon Report providing a diagnosis of severe reduction in vision that cannot be corrected with standard glasses or contact lenses. The diagnosis must be in relation to Best Corrected Visual Acuity or Field of Vision. OR Letter from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland confirming registration.

		OR If a student has attended a school for the Blind, a letter on headed notepaper signed by the principal which confirms attendance.
Deaf/ Hard of Hearing	Existing report* OR Evidence of Disability Form *Not from high street retailers.	Professionally Qualified Audiologist AND/OR ENT Consultant: Providing an audiogram with signature, clearly indicating moderate to profound bilateral hearing loss (i.e. above 40dB). OR If a student has attended a school for the Deaf, a letter on headed notepaper signed by the principal which confirms attendance. OR An existing report from ENT consultant or Cochlear Implant Programme Coordinator confirming cochlear implant or bone anchored hearing aid.
Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) - Dyspraxia/ Dysgraphia	Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form	Psychologist OR Occupational Therapist OR Neurologist
Mental Health Condition	Evidence of Disability Form completed no more than 5 years before point of Needs Assessment. OR Existing report which must be no older than 5 years at point of Needs Assessment.	Consultant Psychiatrist OR Specialist Registrar.
Neurological Condition (incl. epilepsy and brain injury)	Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form	Neurologist OR Other relevant Consultant
Physical disability / mobility	Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form	Orthopaedic Consultant OR Other relevant consultant appropriate to the disability/ condition diagnosing a significant physical or mobility difficulty.

<p>Significant ongoing illness</p>	<p>Evidence of Disability Form no more than 5 years before point of Needs Assessment. OR Existing report which must be no older than 5 years at point of Needs Assessment.</p>	<p>A report diagnosing a significant ongoing illness such as:</p> <p><u>Diabetes Type 1:</u> Endocrinologist OR Paediatrician.</p> <p><u>Cystic Fibrosis (CF):</u> Consultant Respiratory Physician OR Paediatrician.</p> <p><u>Gastroenterology Conditions:</u> Gastroenterologist.</p> <p><u>Other Conditions:</u> Relevant Consultant/ Specialist in area of condition</p>
<p>Speech and Language Communication Disorder</p>	<p>Existing report OR Evidence of Disability Form</p>	<p>Speech and Language Therapist</p>
<p>Specific Learning Difficulty (including Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)</p>	<p>A full Psychological Assessment Report. <u>In the case of older reports</u> additional evidence of relevant attainment scores or a communication from the State Examinations Commission regarding RACE will be required. Such information is available within the DARE Educational Impact Statement completed by schools.</p>	<p>Psychologist OR An assessor (PATOSS accredited) diagnosing a Specific Learning Difficulty.</p>