**Student Finance England / Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs) in Higher Education - 2010/2011**

If you are Hearing Impaired / Deaf - are you thinking about study in Higher Education?

Higher Education is study for first degrees, higher national diplomas (HND) and foundation degrees. Many courses take place in universities, but lots are also taught at higher education colleges.

If the answer is yes, then maybe you are worried about money to study. However, Student Finance England and Disability Student Allowances may help you.

**Student Finance England** could help you with money and support for your course fees and living costs when you are studying. They can help with a grant, loan or bursary (money award to help with fees). The help you get depends on your course.

Look at Student Finance England website - [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) for more information.

**Disabled Student Allowances (DSAs)** if you are deaf or disabled, DSAs could give you extra help. DSAs can help if you have are deaf or have a disability that affects how you learn. You may or may not get a DSA- it depends on your needs assessment and what course you are studying.

The allowances could help towards the cost of the following:

- **Helpers** (Communication Support Worker / Interpreter / Note takers / Scribes)
  An undergraduate full time student may get up to £20,520 per year - a part time student would get a percentage of the full time rate up to a maximum of £15,390 per year.

- **Items of special equipment** (equipment, repairs, insurance, technical support & guarantees)
  Undergraduates can get up to £5,161 for whole course part time or full time study.

- **General Allowance** (can help top up money for helpers or special equipment awards)
  Undergraduates can claim up to £1,724 per year if full time or a percentage if part time up to £1,293 per year.

- **Travel**
  This is not for normal everyday travel costs as all students pay for this, but if because of your disability you need extra help with travel, then this could help pay for the extra costs.

For full or part time post graduates - you can apply for a single payment of up to £10,260 per year to help pay for some costs for support, special equipment, travel or other related costs.

If you are on an Initial Teacher Training course (ITT) you can apply for DSA also.

To find out if you can get DSA for your study, ask to be assessed or just to get more information, please look at the website: [www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/EducationAndTraining/HigherEducation/DG_10034898](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/EducationAndTraining/HigherEducation/DG_10034898)

If you want to download the ‘Guide book for Disability Students’ Allowances (DSAs)’


- SMS for a copy
  Text: 0800 328 89885

The Deaf Agency: [www.deafagency.co.uk](http://www.deafagency.co.uk)