

DISABILITY	EVIDENCE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	AGE OF REPORT
<b>Autistic spectrum disorder (ASD)</b>	A report from an appropriately qualified consultant psychiatrist OR psychologist OR neurologist OR paediatrician providing a diagnosis of ASD	No age limit
<b>Attention deficit disorder (ADD)</b> <b>Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)</b>	A report from an appropriately qualified consultant psychiatrist OR psychologist OR neurologist OR paediatrician providing a diagnosis of ADD/ADHD	No age limit
<b>Blind</b> <b>Vision impaired</b>	A report from one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ ophthalmologist/ophthalmic surgeon 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</li> <li>▶ a letter from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland confirming registration</li> <li>▶ a letter from the principal from a school for the blind confirming attendance</li> </ul>	No age limit
<b>Deaf</b> <b>Hard of Hearing</b>	A report from one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ an audiogram from a professionally qualified audiologist and/or ENT consultant, indicating moderate to profound bilateral hearing loss (i.e. above 40dB)</li> <li>▶ a letter from the principal from a school for the deaf confirming attendance</li> </ul>	No age limit

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<b>Developmental co-ordination disorder (dyspraxia/dysgraphia)</b>	<p>A report from a psychologist OR an occupational therapist OR neurologist diagnosing developmental co-ordination disorder (dyspraxia)</p> <p>The CAO/DARE evidence of disability form is <b>not</b> acceptable evidence of disability for this category of disability</p>	No age limit
<b>Mental health condition</b> (for example, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, clinical depression, severe anxiety, severe phobias, obsessive compulsive disorder, severe eating disorders and psychosis)	A report from a consultant psychiatrist OR specialist registrar	Less than five years
<b>Neurological condition</b>	<p>A report from one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Neurological conditions – neurologist OR another relevant consultant</li> <li>▶ Speech and language disabilities – speech and language therapist</li> </ul>	No age limit
<b>Significant ongoing illness</b>	<p>A report diagnosing a significant ongoing illness such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Diabetes type 1 – endocrinologist OR paediatrician</li> <li>▶ Cystic fibrosis – consultant respiratory physician OR pediatrician</li> <li>▶ Gastroenterology condition – gastroenterologist</li> <li>▶ Other – consultant OR consultant registrar</li> </ul>	Less than five years

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<b>Physical/mobility</b>	A report from an orthopaedic consultant OR other relevant specialist diagnosing a significant physical or mobility difficulty	No age limit
<b>Specific learning difficulties (dyslexia or dyscalculia)</b>	<p>The report of a psycho-educational assessment by a psychologist OR by an assessor (PATOSS accredited) diagnosing a specific learning difficulty</p> <p>Students may be asked for their latest assessment scores/educational reports to assist HEIs in determining the appropriate level of support</p> <p>All tests used in the assessment must be valid, reliable and age appropriate</p> <p>The CAO/DARE evidence of disability form is <b>not</b> acceptable evidence of disability for this category of disability</p>	No age limit