**Amendments to accepted evidence during the Covid-19 pandemic**

We recognise that it may be difficult for you to obtain evidence of your disability during the current pandemic situation. We have therefore agreed to accept additional, non-standard types of evidence for basic interim support arrangements only. The types of evidence we will accept during this period are listed below. Please note that, in order to access a full range of support on a permanent basis, you will be required to provide additional evidence which meets our standard criteria once the current restrictions are removed.

Providing the types of evidence listed in this update does not confirm disability. You will not be recorded as disabled on your student record, and you will need to provide additional information which clearly demonstrates that you meet the [legal definition of disability](https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010) before we can amend your record and arrange further support. You can find guidance about suitable evidence in the table below this update.

If you are not sure whether your evidence is acceptable, please send it to us anyway and we will assess it and let you know what you need to do next.

| **Types of evidence accepted** |
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| A letter or email (from a verifiable email address) written by a professional which indicates a diagnosis, working diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis. This must be signed and dated and, where possible, should include an indication of the impact on your daily life, or details of previous support.This evidence might include:* A letter from a counsellor or therapist
* A letter or report from an occupational therapist or physiotherapist
* Statements gathered as part of a PIP assessment
* An EHCP report
* A letter from your SENCO or Headteacher
* A copy of your blue badge
* A copy of your [GP patient summary](https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/how-to-access-your-health-records/) (often available online if you have access to your online records) or your [Summary Care Record](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/summary-care-records-scr/summary-care-records-scr-information-for-patients). This must indicate a clear diagnosis and a date of diagnosis
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**Please note:** the forms of information listed above are not evidence of a disability, and you will be required to provide additional evidence. We will inform you of the deadline by which you must provide this.

We **cannot** accept results of screening tests or questionnaires as evidence.

**Level of support you may receive:**

* Depending on the evidence you provide, we may recommend **temporary** exam arrangements, such as extra time or rest breaks.
* We may also inform your academic department so that they are aware of the potential impact on your studies, and we may ask them to consider basic adjustments to your learning, teaching or assessments.
* We will advise you what additional evidence you may need to provide and we will give you a reasonable timescale in which to provide it.
* Please note: if you do not provide additional evidence once the current restrictions are removed, we may remove your exam arrangement recommendations and other support. We will advise you if this is going to happen.
* **The evidence listed above is not sufficient to apply for** [**Disabled Students Allowance**](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/info/1000031/disability_funding_and_finance/726/funding_for_disabled_students)