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What do you think about support for disabled students in Scotland?



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About this document



This is an Easy Read document.



It is a **survey**.

A **survey** means a set of questions.



The questions ask you what you think about support for disabled students in Scotland.

About the survey



The Scottish Government wants to find out if support for disabled students is working well.



We at Disability Equality Scotland want to know your thoughts and ideas.

We have 12 questions to find out what you think.



You can answer the questions in this survey if:



- you go to college in Scotland
- you go to university in Scotland
- you are going to college or university in Scotland in the future
- you have been to college or university in Scotland in the past
- you care for a disabled person who may go to college or university in Scotland in the future
- you care for a disabled person who goes to college or university or used to in the past

Our questions



Please answer our questions to tell us what you think.



If you are answering on a screen, you can click the little box next to your answer.



A tick will appear.

If you change your mind, just click it again.



If you are typing your answers, the space will grow as you type.



If you are writing your answers on a paper copy, use the Enter button to grow the spaces.

Then print the pages.

Question 1



1. Which of these is true for you?

Tick 1 box.



I am answering about my own
experiences.

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I am answering for someone I care
for.

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Question 2



2. Have you ever been a student at university or college in Scotland?



Yes I am a student now.

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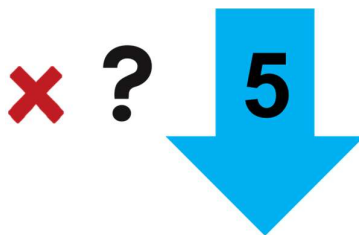
Yes I was a student in the past.

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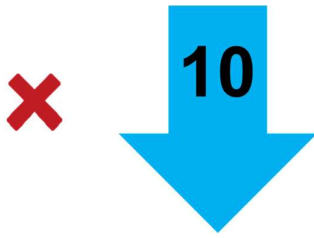
No but I might be a student in the future.

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No and I do not plan to be a student.

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If you ticked the third box to say you might be a student in the future, please miss out Questions 3 and 4.
Go straight to Question 5.



If you ticked the last box to say you do not plan to be a student, please now go straight to Question 10.

Question 3



3. What was it like for you getting support at university or college?

Type or write in the space below.

It will grow as you type.

Question 4



These are some problems a disabled student might have when getting support at university or college.

4. Did any of these happen to you?

Tick as many boxes as you want to.



I did not know what support
I could get.

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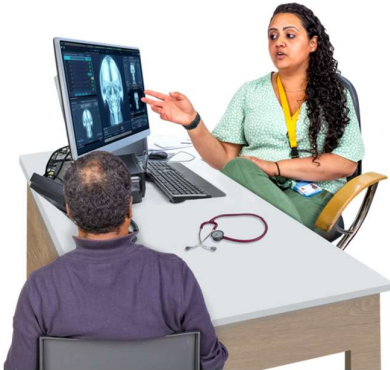
I did not know who I could talk
to about getting support.

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I was confused about the
different types of support.

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I could not get support because
I did not have a **diagnosis**.

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A **diagnosis** is when a medical professional works out the name of a condition, illness or disability that a person has.

It was too hard filling in the forms to get support.

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The support I got was not enough.

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The support I got was not ready in time for the start of my course.

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My university did not give me the support I should have had.

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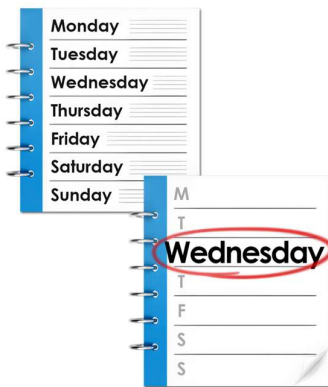
I did not have any problems
getting support.

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I had a different problem.

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Question 5



Some courses are **full time** – most days
each week.

Some courses are **part time** – some days
each week.



Some courses need students to travel to
study.

Some courses can be done from home.
This is called **distance learning**.



5. Have you ever studied part time or done distance learning at a university or college?

Tick 1 box.



Yes I have studied part time or done distance learning.

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No but I might study part time or do distance learning in future.

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No and I do not plan to study part time or do distance learning.

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Question 6



6. What are the good things about studying part time or doing distance learning, for you?

Miss out this question if it is not for you.

Tick the boxes that you agree with.

Tick as many as you want to.

It suits the way I learn best.

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I worry about getting enough support if I am away from home too long.

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I can get a job while I am studying.

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I can look after someone else
while I am studying.

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Travel to university or college
costs too much money.

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I worry about not getting some
benefits if I study full time.

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Benefits are government
payments to people who need
help with their living costs.

I have another thought.
Write or type it below:

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Question 7



7. What are the good things about studying full time and learning at the college or university buildings, for you?

Miss out this question if it is not for you.

Tick the boxes that you agree with.

Tick as many as you want to.

It suits the way I learn best.

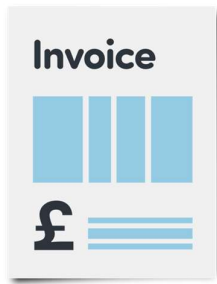
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I can only get the full experience of college or university this way.

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There is not enough help with living costs for people who study part time or by distance learning.

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There is not enough help with **tuition fees** for people who study part time or do distance learning.

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Tuition fees are the bills that universities charge for teaching.

I have another thought.
Write or type it below:

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Question 8



The government supports disabled students at university by giving them money called the **Disabled Students Allowance**, or DSA for short.



Disabled Students Allowance is different in different parts of the UK.



Students who live in Scotland when they ask to go to university get **Scottish Disabled Students Allowance**.

To get Disabled Students Allowance, students have to:



- work with a Disability Advisor
- ask their doctor to send information
- meet a Needs Assessor



8. What was it like for you applying for Scottish Disabled Students Allowance?

Tick 1 box.

It was fairly easy.

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It was too hard.

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I have never had
Scottish Disabled
Students Allowance.

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Question 9



9. Can you think of ways the Scottish Disabled Students Allowance could be made better?

Please write or type in the space below.
Miss out this question if it is not for you.

Question 10



The Scottish Disabled Students Allowance is made up of 3 parts:

1



- equipment – things like a laptop, a printer and software that hears your voice

2



- things that get used up and need replacing – like paper and printer ink

3



Yes

- help from a person – for things like taking notes or British Sign Language



There is a limit to how much money each student can get for each part.



In other parts of the UK the allowance is not split up.

This means the money can be spent more easily on whatever suits the student.



10. How do you think students should get their Disabled Students Allowance money?



Students should get 3 limited amounts.

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Students should get 1 total amount.

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I am not sure.

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Question 11

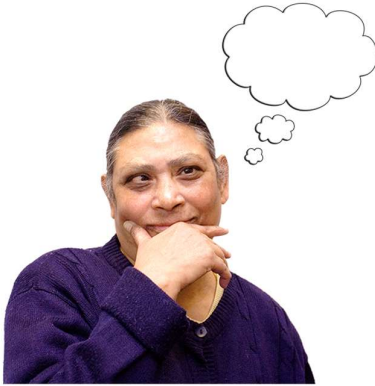


The Scottish Government gives colleges money to support disabled students.



It is up to each college to decide how to spend the money.

This means that the student does not have to worry about money decisions while they are studying.



11. What do you think about this?



It is a good idea for the money to go to the college.

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The money should go straight to the student.

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The money should sometimes go to the student and sometimes go to the college.

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I am not sure.

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Question 12



12. Are there any other ways that disabled students in Scotland could get better support in the future?



Type or write your answer below.
The space will grow as you type.

What to do next



Thank you for answering our questions.



Please send your answers to us by choosing 1 of these ways.



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