

DkIT believes that all students make a valuable contribution to our community – none more so than students with a disability. We extend a warm and supportive welcome to such students and will do everything we can to help you fulfil your potential.

Disability and Student Quality Office

This office provides a focal point and a dedicated person whose job it is to advocate on behalf of, and provide support to, any student with a physical, sensory or learning difficulty or who has a medical or mental health condition that interferes with the learning process. This office should be your first point of contact for any disability related query.

Prospective students are encouraged to make contact with the service as early as possible (prior to the commencement of the academic year) in order to discuss in confidence any facilities and supports they may require during their course of study.

Additional facilities are available for all registered students with disabilities (including physical/learning/sensory disabilities, significant ongoing illness and mental health difficulties). Each student's needs are assessed individually, taking into account his/her particular requirements. To avail of these facilities, you must be registered with the institute's Disability Support Service. Supports include note takers, personal assistance, learning support, assistive technology and alternate examination arrangements.

Applying

While you do not have to disclose your condition, we advise that you tick the disability box when filling in your CAO form and complete the supplementary information forms when provided by the CAO. The Institute has developed a supplementary access route for people with disabilities, who may benefit from higher education but may not meet the points required for their preferred course due to the impact of a disability on their educational performance. If deemed eligible for the scheme, applicants will receive a supplemental allocation of points of 10% of the applicants score, up to a maximum of 50 points. For further details on this scheme, please click on the following link:

<https://www.dkit.ie/disability-student-quality-office/dkit-supplementary-admissions-route-people-disabilities>

We will try wherever possible to facilitate your access and participation through (where appropriate) the provision of -

- Learning support tuition
- Personal assistants
- Speedtext operators – quality assured by Deaf/Hear
- Studyskills tuition
- Access to specialised software, e.g., Read and Write Gold

- Access to special exam arrangements
- Access to assistive technology

Evidence

If you require special support to facilitate your studies, you must provide us with a letter from a consultant or specialist as evidence of a disability. If you have a specific learning difficulty, you must also provide a copy of an educational psychologist's report issued within the last 5 years.

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