

How to apply for DSA

(Disabled Student Allowance)

Step 1: Complete the DSA application form

Please see application forms for the 2026/27 academic year here: bit.ly/Rave-DSA-2026

You will need to **attach evidence** for your disability or support need to your application. Please see page 5 on the application form for further information regarding the evidence required.

1) Complete the DSA Slim form:

If you are a **full time undergraduate** who has applied for student finance.

2) Complete the DSA 1 form:

If you are a **postgraduate student** or you are an undergraduate student who has **not applied for student finance** (self-funding your studies).

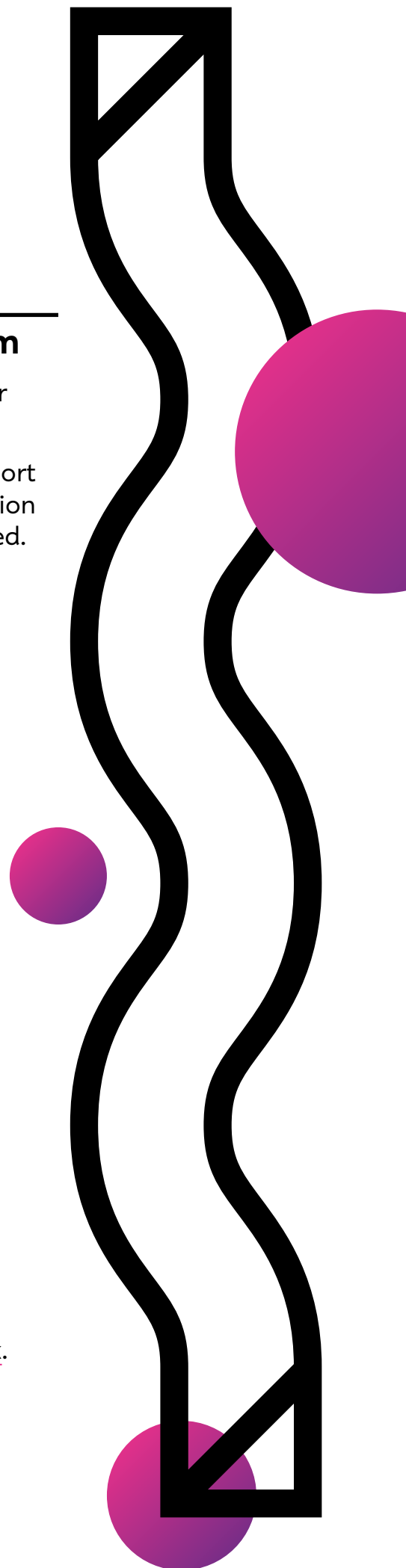
Please note that a member of the disability team will need to sign and stamp section 5. You can send your form to disability@rave.ac.uk.

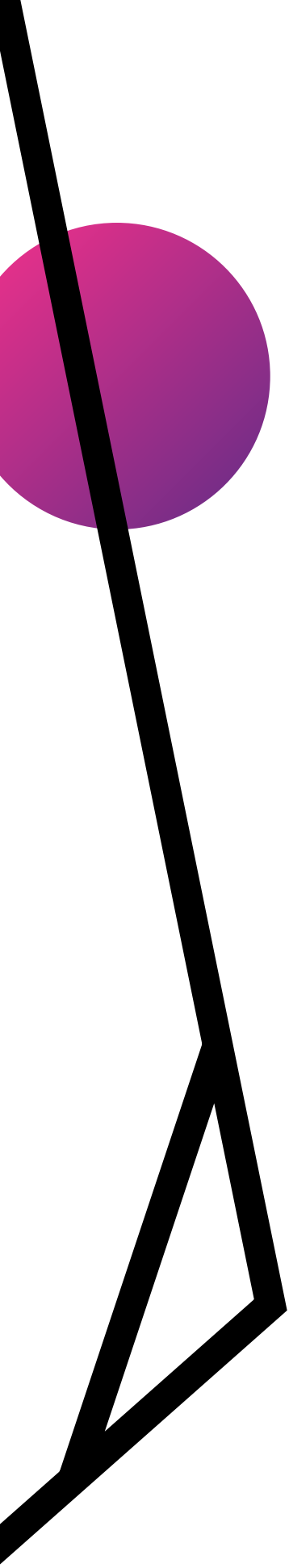
A guide to completing the DSA 1 is also available through the link to the application forms.

Please note that by ticking the **consent to share** box on the application, information will be shared directly with the disability team at Ravensbourne. This means that we will receive copies of your reports and help you access your support.

You can submit this application form by either:

- Emailing along with your evidence to dsa_team@slc.co.uk.
- Logging onto your Student Finance account, click on the **'manage your student finance'** section, then choose **'upload supporting evidence'**.





Step 2: Arranging your needs assessment

- You will be contacted by a company, either **Study Tech** or **Capita**, to arrange your needs assessment.
- You will be able to choose whether to do this assessment **online or face-to-face**. This will involve an informal discussion about the impact of your disability on your learning and the support that you need.
- This report will then be sent to the DSA team, and you will also receive a copy.

Step 3: Receiving your funding and support

Once approved, you will then receive a report called a **DSA 2** which identifies any software, equipment and NMH (Non-Medical Helper) support that has been approved. If you have given consent to share with your university, we will also receive this and be able to explain the support you have and assist you in accessing it.

This funding is **non-repayable** and remains in place for the duration of your studies, and you **do not need to re-apply**.

We are here to help!

If you would like some help with the DSA process or have any questions, then please email disability@rave.ac.uk or you can book a meeting with a member of the disability team here: bit.ly/RaveDisabilityBooking