Skills Disability Support

A guide for students with disability

What is Skills Disability Support?

Skills Disability Support (SDS) provides specialised services to training providers to support your participation in, and outcomes from, accredited training.

SDS is administered by the Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT).

What is disability support?

Disability support is tailored to your training needs and supports you to complete your vocational qualification.

Support requirements should be reasonable and consider everyone involved so no-one is disadvantaged. This includes you, other students, your teachers or trainers, and your training provider.

Who does SDS support?

SDS provides support to students who:
* have an identified disability
* are undertaking training subsidised by DESBT
* are training in a non-school environment, and
* are not eligible to receive the same services through other initiatives.

How much will it cost me?

SDS services are funded by DESBT. They are provided at no cost to training providers for use by you.

What services are available?

SDS provides specialised technology on a loan basis. This includes:
* equipment, such as magnification aids and specialised computer accessories
* assistive software, such as voice recognition and screen reading software.

SDS also provides access to specialised support services. This includes:
* Auslan interpreters
* Disability support workers, coaches or mentors
* Notetakers, readers or scribes.

SDS does not provide assistance with:
* course fees, learning materials or teacher/ trainer costs
* general language, literacy or numeracy
* general health or care.

How do I access SDS?

To access SDS, discuss your support needs with your training provider. Your training provider can then:
* check your eligibility to receive SDS services
* lodge an application on your behalf
* arrange for you to receive the support (if the application is approved).

More information

Visit desbt.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 369 935

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