

# Skills Disability Support

## A guide for registered training organisations

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Skills Disability Support (SDS) is a specialised support initiative to increase participation in, and outcomes from, accredited training for students with disability.

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

### What is disability support?

Disability support are services that directly lessen the impact of a person's disability on their capacity to:

- learn effectively in the vocational education and training (VET) environment, including vocational placement and off-the-job training delivered at the workplace
- achieve a vocational outcome.

Disability support is specifically tailored to the student's individual circumstances and abilities. It is used as reasonable adjustment under the *Disability Standards for Education 2005* to assist students to complete their vocational qualification or course.

### What are the objectives?

The aim of SDS is to:

- facilitate specialised support so students with disability can participate in VET on the same basis as students without disability
- assist VET providers to meet a student's specialised support needs
- encourage effective use of technology.

### How much support is available?

SDS services are based on individual need. The level of service is dependent on the assistance required, stock available and the reasonableness of the request.

### Who can apply?

Queensland Skills Assure suppliers (SAS) are eligible to apply for SDS. They must be based in and deliver training in Queensland.

### Who will be supported?

SDS will support students who:

- have an identified disability
- are undertaking DESBT subsidised training in a non-school environment, and
- are not eligible to receive the same resources through other initiatives.

### What services are supported?

Specialised technology is available for loan. This includes assistive software, magnification aids and specialised computer accessories. Specialised support services are facilitated by reimbursement of costs to SAS. These include Auslan interpreters, mentors, notetakers/scribes and training in how to use requested technology.

### More information

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