

## Appendix 6 - QA 6.6a Specific Details of Needs Recognised & the Appropriate Evidence Required



1 Learning Difficulty	
Type of Disability/Need	Report Accepted from Medical Consultant/Specialist
Specific Learning Difficulty incl. Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Education Psychologist assessment completed by an appropriately qualified psychologist.</li> <li>A Dyslexic Adult Screen Test (DAST) completed by a trained practitioner will be accepted for dyslexia.</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit to the report.</p>
Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) -Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriately qualified psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Neurologist or Chartered Physiotherapist who is a member of their respective professional or regulatory body.</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit to the report.</p>
General Learning Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Education Psychologist assessment completed by an appropriately qualified psychologist.</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit to the report.</p>
2 Hearing Difficulty	
Type of Disability/Need	Report Accepted from Medical Consultant/Specialist
Learners who have an Audiogram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnostic/ Clinical Audiologist registered with the Irish Academy of Audiologists (IAA) <b>OR</b> HSE Audiologist.</li> </ul>
Applicants attending School for the Deaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal of School for the Deaf.</li> </ul>

Applicants who are recipients of a cochlear implant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Consultant <b>OR</b> Cochlear Implant Programme Coordinator</li> </ul>
<b>3 Visual Difficulty</b>	
Type of Disability/Need	Report Accepted from Medical Consultant/Specialist
Blind/Vision Impaired (Including, but not exclusive – Aniridia, Best’s disease, Charles Bonnet syndrome, Coat’s disease, Coloboma Congenital cataracts, Corneal dystrophies (including Keratoconus), Corneal transplantation, Diabetes-related eye conditions, Hemianopsia, Glaucoma, High degree myopia, Macular Hole, Nystagmus, Retinitis pigmentosa, Retinal vessel occlusion, Retinopathy of prematurity, Stargardt’s macular dystrophy, Stickler Syndrome, Thyroid eye disease, Uveitis, Lawrence Moon Biedel Syndrome, Alstrom Syndrome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ophthalmologist/ Ophthalmic Surgeon</li> </ul>
<b>4 Physical Difficulty</b>	
Type of Disability/Need	Report Accepted from Medical Consultant/Specialist
Physical Disability (Including (but not exclusively) Cerebral Palsy, Brittle Bone Disease, Spina Bifida, Rheumatoid/Osteoarthritis, Spinal Cord Injuries, Muscular Dystrophy, Hydrocephalus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthopaedic Consultant or other relevant Consultant</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit on the report.</p>
Neurological Conditions (including but not exclusive – Epilepsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Huntington’s Disease, Brain Tumour, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurologist or other relevant Consultant</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit on the report.</p>



Neuron Disease, Friedreich’s Ataxia, Head/Traumatic Brain Injury, Stroke, Parkinson’s Disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy)	
Speech, Language and Communication Disorder (Including (but not exclusively) Stammering; Receptive and/or Expressive Language Disorders; Unintelligibility due to a phonological disorder, articulation disorder associated with structural anomalies; Acquired communication disorders such as Aphasia, Anomia, Dysarthria, Dyspraxia resulting from neurological conditions, or any Neurodegenerative, or genetic disease associated with impaired communication and social interaction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech and Language Therapist</li> </ul> <p>There is no age limit on the report.</p>
Significant Ongoing Illness (Including (but not exclusively) Diabetes Type 1, Cystic Fibrosis (CF), Severe Crohn’s Disease, Severe Ulcerative Colitis and Irritable Bowel Disease (IBD), Chronic Fatigue, Cancers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant Consultant/Specialist appropriate to the disability/ condition.</li> <li>• In cases where an applicant is in the care of the relevant Consultant/ Specialist, the evidence of a disability can be provided by a Registrar who is a member of their team.</li> </ul> <p>The report must be less than 3 years old.</p>
<b>5 Mental Health and Behavioural Difficulty</b>	
Type of Disability/Need	Report Accepted from Medical Consultant/Specialist
Autism Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger’s Syndrome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report by Consultant Psychiatrist <b>OR</b> Psychologist <b>OR</b> Neurologist <b>OR</b> Paediatrician.</li> </ul>