

BIFE Student Learning Support Services

Bray Institute of Further Education is committed to providing **inclusive, accessible, and equitable learning opportunities** for all learners, regardless of age, ability, or background. The Institute strives to ensure that appropriate facilities and services are available to enable **full access and participation**, as far as is practical and within available resources.

Objectives

- Promote equal access to education for all learners.
- Provide timely and appropriate support for diverse learning needs.
- Ensure compliance with data protection and confidentiality standards.
- Foster independence and confidence in learners.

Funding may be available under the SOLAS via KWETB **Fund for Students with Disabilities**

Note: Specific evidence is needed in advance of an assessment of needs meeting.

Who is eligible?

- Fund for Students with Disabilities (v1./2021) provides grants towards the provision of services and the purchase of equipment for students who have sensory, physical and/or communicative disabilities and learning difficulties.
- Students with a wide variety of additional needs are supported. Applicants to the Fund for Students with Disabilities must meet certain nationality and residency criteria. The services and supports available to individual students will depend on the grant allocated by SOLAS.
- Funding is not provided for any costs associated with assessment or diagnosis of a disability.

Categories Covered

- Blind/visual impairment
- Deaf/Hearing impairment
- Mental health condition
- Physical disability
- ADD/ADHD Asperger Syndrome/Autism Specific or general learning difficulty
- Significant on-going illness
- Neurological conditions (brain injury, speech or language disabilities, specific or general learning difficulty)
- DCD (Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia)

Supports

The kind of supports needed may vary from person to person, but can include the following:

- Use of assistive technology equipment and software: e.g. laptops and reading software
- Additional learning support with 1:1 or in small groups
- Personal Assistant
- Use of a Sign Language Interpreter
- Examination considerations (scribe, reader, recording equipment, use of computer/laptop in exams)

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

1

Please tick the Learning/Other Disability Section on the BIFE Student online application form.



2

You will be contacted and asked to email documentary evidence verifying your disability and or learning support needs.

3

You will be invited to an assessment of needs meeting with the Learning Support Team.



All queries should be marked for the attention of Learning Support Team to:

bifeenquiries@kwetb.ie

Other Information

- Students are advised that it is in their own interest to attend an assessment of needs meeting.
- The Learning Support team will assess if your evidence meets the FSD requirements.
- Students in FE Colleges are adults and communication from the college will be directly with the student unless the student is under 18.
- It is up to each student to discuss the supports that they wish to accept. If you do not wish to engage with the supports offered please let us know.
- **Note:** Bray Institute of Further Education does not have any provision for a Student Learning Support office from the end of the summer term in June to the start of the Academic year in August. Any queries or correspondence will be dealt with outside of that time.

Contact us

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