



Dyslexia Assessment and Consultancy

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ADULT DYSLEXIA ASSESSMENT: SOURCES OF FUNDING

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Private health insurance

Some private health insurance companies will fund assessments by chartered psychologists. In the case of BUPA, you can get a referral to the psychologist directly from your GP; in the case of the other companies, you may have to follow a more complicated route through a hospital consultant. In either case, *do not rely* on the NHS to find a psychologist for you. Locate an appropriately qualified psychologist yourself through your local British Dyslexia Association helpline and give the name of this particular psychologist to your GP or Consultant.

Employers

An employer is often willing to fund the assessment, either directly or through their own health insurance. If significant dyslexic difficulties are diagnosed, then the employer would be under a legal obligation to make reasonable adjustments in the workplace. Further information is available from your local Jobcentre Plus or Access to Work centre.

Employment service

If you are a job-seeker, and feel you might be dyslexic, you may be able to arrange an assessment through the Employment Service. Contact the Disability Employment Adviser at your local job centre.

Dyslexia organisations

Some of the main dyslexia organisations offer bursary schemes. Try Dyslexia Action, the Dyslexia Teaching Centre in London, the Helen Arkell Centre in Farnham.

Charities

Try educational or local charities, or church organisations.

Higher education institutions

If you are accepted onto a course in a college of higher education, you could qualify for the Disabled Students Allowance. The Allowance does not cover the cost of the initial assessment, but many colleges are prepared to cover the cost of this themselves. If all else fails, it may be worth trying to borrow the money to have the assessment, as, if you are awarded the Allowance, you may receive aid worth several thousand pounds.

Further information at: www.workingwithdyslexia.com

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