



Client information: diagnostic assessments for specific learning difficulties (SpLDs)

In the UK, specialist teacher assessors can assess for specific learning difficulties, for example, dyslexia. These experts are crucial for accurately recognising and understanding individuals' unique learning needs. A brief overview of the qualifications needed and the scope of diagnoses in the UK can be found below.

1.

Check qualifications



Level 7 specialist qualification in teaching and assessment of people with specific learning difficulties (SpLD) who hold full professional membership of Patoss and a current Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)

Important note: If a specialist teacher assessor with a current APC (Assessment Practising Certificate) is commissioned to do a diagnostic assessment, it can be used as evidence when applying for the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) during your undergraduate or postgraduate studies. However, if the specialist teacher assessor does not have a current APC, and the client is moving on to higher education, they will need another diagnostic assessment from an assessor with a current APC.

2.

Scope of the assessment



Membership of Patoss requires each member to follow the Patoss Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, which can be accessed by following this link <https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/About-Us/Code-of-Ethics>.

This Patoss Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct is underpinned by three principles:

- Competence and quality of practice
- Responsibility to client(s)
- Professional integrity and independence

Holding a membership of Patoss requires each member to engage only in services for which they have the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience. Each specialist teacher assessor will be able to discuss the scope of the assessment, the fees payable and what the fee includes.